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## THE BULLETIN



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### ***Around the Club...***

#### ***Commodore's Log, March 1, 2015...***

Greetings! I hope you have all weathered the winter well. In this edition of the Commodore's Log I'd like to bring everyone up-to-speed with where we stand on the two more significant items on the TBYC planning agenda, which are land acquisition on Mission Island and member facilities downtown at Prince Arthurs Landing Marina.

Planning for land acquisition on Mission Island is moving ahead and at this stage TBYC is negotiating with OPG for purchase of land adjacent to the existing TBYC Mission Island property. There are apparently thirteen acres available and if we manage to come to terms with OPG, the TBYC executive will bring a purchase recommendation to the membership. Some of you may be wondering why we are seeking additional land and I'll explain that the primary motivation is based in the reality that as our membership grows the storage space available at our Mission Island facility is diminishing, and the prediction is we'll be at maximum capacity within the next 1-2 years. In addition, due to silting in the Kaministiquia River there is a strong possibility McKellar Marine will soon have to turn away sailboats, which will leave TBYC the sole remaining launch, haul and storage facility in the region. Although TBYC is not necessarily obligated to accommodate all boats it should be noted that acquiring land for the purpose of creating space for storage does fall in-line with the TBYC Mission Statement to promote recreational boating. An interesting and obvious side-effect of this project is that if land acquisition plans are successful TBYC membership could more than double in the coming years, which will undoubtedly have an impact on the nature of our organization.

The other significant project on the planning agenda is investigation to discover what opportunities exist to build new TBYC member facilities downtown at Prince Arthurs Landing Marina. The motivation behind this initiative is based primarily in the fact that since 2009 TBYC has not had member facilities downtown, and by extension more than fifty percent of TBYC members have no readily available venue for events and regular social interaction. The effect of not having had a club facility downtown for more than five years is very noticeable to those members who recall the social scene prior to 2009, and in many members opinion the absence of a social venue has had a significant negative effect on the sense of community among the TBYC membership who keep their boats downtown. Additionally, the variety of programs TBYC operates downtown during the summer would be much better served with supporting facilities, as they were 2009 and prior. Discussion and planning of this project has been underway since early 2013 and at this stage we've evolved the concept of a facility that would serve the needs of more than just TBYC members and perhaps encompass requirements of associated boating programs downtown including the Temple Reef Sailing Club, the Sail Thunder Bay learn-to-sail youth camps and possibly also function as space available to host events that occur regularly at the waterfront including fishing derbies, etc. After considering all of the different use-cases we began to recognize that we're describing a community boating centre, one that would function as a conduit to waterborne activities on Lake Superior, and one that would specifically encourage boating on Lake Superior. As such, we have formally named this theoretical facility the Thunder Bay Community Boating Center, and by March 15<sup>th</sup> you will be able to look over the various ideas at the new [www.tbayboatingcentre.com](http://www.tbayboatingcentre.com) web-site.

As usual there is a lot going on at TBYC. You can expect to hear more on these and other subjects in the coming months.

Eric Hansen  
Commodore - TBYC

#### ***Marina Advisory Committee...***

Highlights from the December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 and February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 MAC meetings include:

- MAC will be seeking a new representative for the committee for the upcoming year. For those interested, more details about applying for the position will be made available in the upcoming Marina Users' Newsletter put out by the City of Thunder Bay in the spring. You could also contact TBYC Marina Advisory Representative Ray Innes or other members of MAC who are TBYC members. They include: Bob Barker, Ian Robson, Ron Morancy and Rob Cameron. Contact information is

available on the TBYC web site through the members only portal.

- A complete legal review of the marina user contract is being undertaken. A number of issues have been identified and currently the City is undertaking research to review contracts other marinas have with their users. It is anticipated that revised contracts will be in place for the 2016 boating season.
- Contracts for the 2015 season were provisionally scheduled to be mailed out by the third week of February. Boaters can expect a 3% rate increase in docking fees. The tentative deadline for return of contracts to the City is April 15, 2015. Provisions have been made for permanent berth holders who are away for the winter at the payment deadline. If you are out of town for the winter months, please contact the City by e-mail, [tdynes@thunderbay.ca](mailto:tdynes@thunderbay.ca) or by calling Tina a 625-2941 or 625-2313 to advise of your intent regarding your dock rental. Alternately, you can contact Debbie Novak at [DNovak@thunderbay.ca](mailto:DNovak@thunderbay.ca).
- Once paving and painting of the boater parking lot is completed, Parks management will review the options for handicapped parking. Just a reminder, in order to use the handicapped parking spaces on the piers, both a handicapped parking permit and a boater's parking pass are required.
- Pier #2 Parking: Parking at the foot of Pier #2 will not be available during the 2015 boating season (and perhaps longer). The space will become a "laydown area" for the hotel construction project. The boaters' parking lot next to the marina services building or Pier #1 parking will be available to Pier #2 boaters with boater parking passes. The City plans to monitor the usage of the boater's parking lot during the 2015 season.
- On average, the marina operation surplus contributes approximately \$80,000 to the Marina Reserve Fund. The fund is intended for maintenance, improvements or additions to marina infrastructure. Currently, there is approximately \$388,000 in the reserve account.
- The saga of Pier #3 security fencing continues. The City is now examining options for commercial grade fencing (similar to that used at the new court house) as opposed to more expensive custom fencing.
- Another ongoing matter is handicap access at the docks. Discussions have been held regarding handicap accessible docking in the charter boat area and the City is looking further into a portable solution. This option would be available to all areas of the Marina and would have to be booked in advance for charter use. With changes to the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)*, handicap access at the marina will be mandatory at some point in the future.

The next MAC meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2015. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact TBYC MAC Representative Ray Innes at [raymondinnes@hotmail.com](mailto:raymondinnes@hotmail.com) or 344-7555.

**Mission Clubhouse...** A new tamper-proof thermostat has been installed in the clubhouse. Instructions for changing the temperature in the clubhouse are on the thermostat. The thermostat is programmable for 3 hours and then it will revert to a pre-set temperature. It is anticipated this will help reduce the propane heating bill.

For members interested in booking the Mission Clubhouse for private functions, the Club's policy for clubhouse use is available on the TBYC web site through the members' only portal.

**Storage... LOOKING FOR THE BOAT OWNER...** A 24 ft. Mirage sailboat with the name *Ice Cream* was sold by the owner in December of 2012 and sits unclaimed at the Thunder Bay Yacht Club facility on Mission Island. Anyone having information or claim to this vessel, please call [807-251-6832](tel:807-251-6832) before March 15, 2015.

**Planning & Development...** Given that it is the Club's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, a committee, chaired by Rear Commodore Terry Cano has been formed to explore ways to collect, archive and publish the Club's rich history. The North Western Ontario Sports Hall of Fame has been approached as a resource for getting insight into how the Club might go about undertaking this daunting task. See later editions of *The Bulletin* for updates as the committee progresses with its assignment.

**Docking...** Damage to some of the docks on the Mission River has occurred this winter due to a combination of high water and ice. There has been some discussion by the Executive regarding the possibility of new piles for next season but a final decision will require spring inspection to determine the extent of the damage. Plans are in place to finish the service dock.

#### **Public Relations...**

- **TBYC 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary...** The committee is starting to ramp up plans for the Club's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. More information will follow in future *Bulletins*.
- **Guest Speaker-** Paul Zanandrea, Business Development Officer for the Township of Red Rock and member of the North of Superior Marina Marketing Association, gave a presentation to the TBYC Board at its February meeting. He talked about the new amenities that are at Red Rock Marina, some local destinations people can visit, the rates for transient docking, the

new bicycles available for people wanting to go to the store, and the upcoming *Annual Live from the Rock Festival*, etc. For more information you can contact Mr. Zanandrea at 42 Salls Street, PO Box 447 Red Rock, Ontario P0T2P0; Phone: 807-886-2268; Email: [bd@redrocktownship.ca](mailto:bd@redrocktownship.ca).

**Canadian Lighthouses of Lake Superior...**Paul Capon, Chair, and Susan Visser, Treasurer Canadian Lighthouses of Lake Superior Inc. gave a presentation to the TBYC Board at its January meeting. The purpose of the presentation was to provide a summary of CLLS's activities for the past year and insight into what could be coming this year. CLLS has approximately 70 members, 3 associate members (TBYC, Silver Island Yacht Club and the Thunder Bay Salmon Association). It is also linked with Lakehead University for research through the Tourism and Outdoor Recreation program. During the past year, 25 volunteers have contributed 450 hours of work, painting, building, clean up, window repair and outhouse construction at Porphyry. A number of local businesses and individuals have donated supplies and equipment to the cause. Some work has been done with local air and water charters to explore the possibilities for increasing accessibility to the CLLS lighthouses. The organization has also engaged in some broad planning exercises with some government agencies and non-governmental groups. For the upcoming year, the group will focus on fund-raising, completing additional renovations, setting up a web site to include online booking and working at ways to get more visitors to the site. For additional information, you can contact TBYC member (and CLLS Board member) Paul Morralee at [pmorralee@morvision.on.ca](mailto:pmorralee@morvision.on.ca).

**Lighthouse Fundraiser...**The Canadian Lighthouses of Lake Superior will hold the first annual Lighthouse Fundraising Dinner on May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Prince Arthur Hotel (see ad on last page of this *Bulletin*). Tickets will be available at the Prince Arthur Hotel on April 15 or can be purchased online at [https://thunderbay.booknorthwesternontario.com/English/Tk\\_Select\\_Ticket\\_single.asp?SelTicket=Light113&afl\\_ID=fundraiser](https://thunderbay.booknorthwesternontario.com/English/Tk_Select_Ticket_single.asp?SelTicket=Light113&afl_ID=fundraiser)



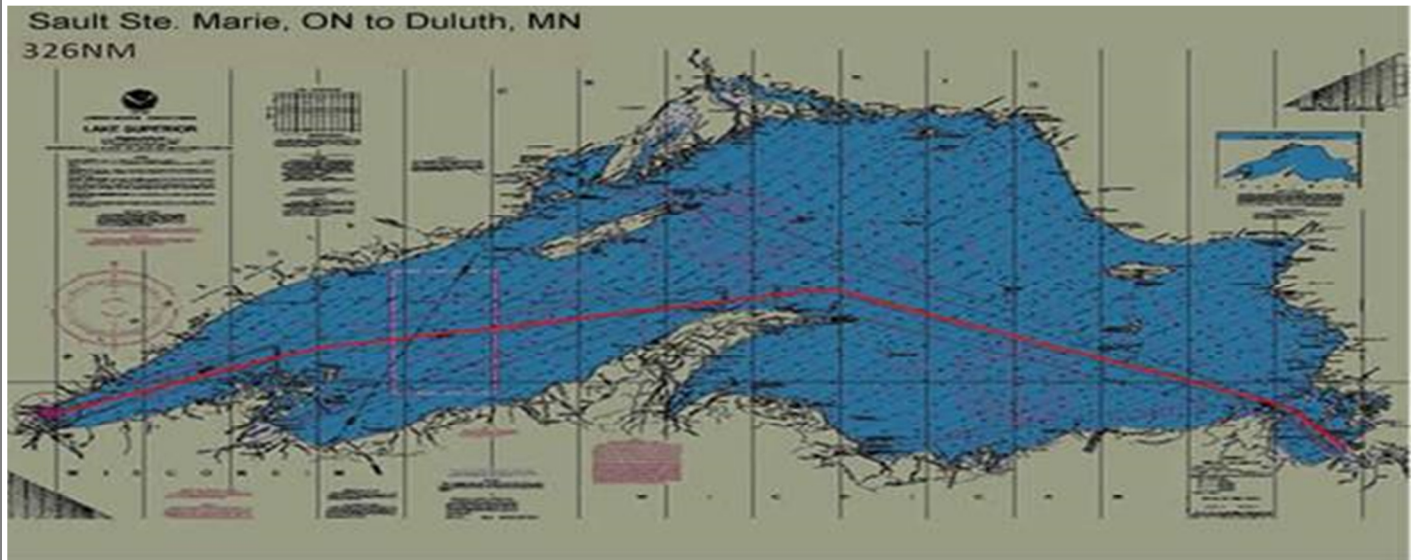
Left, volunteers unload supplies and equipment at the Porphyry dock in preparation for work party maintenance on the Porphyry grounds and facility. Above right, an aerial view of the Porphyry Light Station and surrounding grounds under the stewardship of CLLS. Below right, CLLS volunteers taking a well-deserved break at #10 Light.



**Racing...** Two-dozen boats participated in racing during the 2014 season. Recently, divisional meetings were held with members of each fleet to review what worked well in 2014 and to consider suggestions for improvement for the 2015 season. There was a good response to the meetings and discussions about the racing schedule for 2015 was well-received. The Race Committee is looking at

“rebooting” the Spring and Fall Series to make it look similar to a “mini PHRF Championship” program. The Sail Committee is still looking for race committee for the upcoming 2015 racing season. For those interested, please contact Fleet Captain Sail, James Gracey at [jgracey@lakeheadu.ca](mailto:jgracey@lakeheadu.ca).

- **LSYA Offshore.....**It’s a Trans year. If you haven’t done this race yet, it’s time to check it off your bucket list.



A very good group of boats with a PHRF rating >100 are getting together to enter this year’s race in the Crewed Division. Now is the time to recruit crew and get the boat in shape for the race. Spread the word and look for details and updates at the following link: <http://www.transsuperior.com/>

**Social Committee...**In 2015, we look forward to bringing people together once again for the celebration, in December, of our 70th Anniversary as a Club. In the meantime, we will be having various events throughout the year. We are looking at resurrecting some activities that members enjoyed in the early years. More details will be in the next *Bulletin*. A preliminary meeting has been held to plan the social activities for our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Dates have been established for the following events:

#### 2015-16 TBYC SPECIAL EVENTS

2015 Date	Event	Venue	Time	Cost
Feb. 14th	Anniversary Kick-Off – Spaghetti Dinner	Mission Clubhouse	6:30 p.m.	\$5.00 per person
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nautical Yard Sale	Mission Yard	TBA	---
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Breakfast	Mission Clubhouse	TBA	TBA
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Family Party	Mission Yard	TBA	TBA
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Breakfast	Mission Clubhouse	TBA	TBA
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Close of Navigation/Christmas Party – 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration	TBA	TBA	TBA
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Snowbird Party	Mission Clubhouse	TBA	TBA

#### 2015-16 TBYC SPECIAL EVENTS -- Details Pending

2015 Date	Event	Venue	Time	Cost
July ??	Family On-the-Water Rendezvous	Sturgeon Bay	?	?
July ??	Marina Pier Parties	Prince Arthur’s Landing Marina	?	--
July 25	SUNORA	TBA	TBA	TBA
August ??	Marina Pier Parties	Prince Arthur’s Landing Marina	?	--
August 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup>	Porphyry Light Station On-the-Water Rendezvous (All Clubs)	Porphyry Point	?	?
Fall – date ??	Corn Roast	Mission Yard	?	?
October 30 <sup>th</sup> or 31 <sup>st</sup>	TBYC Dryland Regatta	?	?	?
???	Mission Yard Clean-up Days	?	?	----

**Need Volunteer Hours?** There will be a lot of different ways to volunteer for Social Committee activities this coming year. If you want to be involved please contact Sirkka Creagh, Social Director at 345-0029, or by e-mail at [obsidian40@shaw.ca](mailto:obsidian40@shaw.ca), indicating any preferences you might have. This is also a great way to meet other boaters.

**CORRECTION!!!!** It was erroneously reported in the last edition of *The Bulletin* that the winner of **The Lead Life Ring Award** presented at the Close of Navigation/Christmas Party was Denette Maslach. Our apologies to Denette for putting in question her sound seamanship skills. We also believe the winner deserves just recognition for an honour well earned. Therefore, our heart-felt congratulations, on behalf of the TBYC membership, goes out to the **2014 Lead Life Ring Award Winner** - Sandy Sellers of the sailing vessel *Rumble Fish*...something about a smoky boat?

### **Employment Opportunity...**



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Please email your resume and a letter explaining why you would be an ideal candidate for one of the available positions to [suzanneamyhansen@shaw.ca](mailto:suzanneamyhansen@shaw.ca). Deadline for applications is March 14<sup>th</sup> 2015. Only applicants who will be interviewed will be contacted.

**TBYC Business in Progress...**In addition to the Club's priority initiatives outlined in the Commodore's Log, members of the Executive are also working on some other undertakings to improve Club service to its members.

- **Communication Policy/ PR...** – TBYC currently communicates with its members by means of *The Bulletin*, TBYC web pages, phone calls, e-mails and social calendar and an "unofficial" Facebook Page. In the interests of ensuring Club messaging is accurate and consistent, it has been suggested that the Club's communication protocols be reviewed. Some preliminary discussions in this regard have taken place.
- **Destinations...**The idea of providing more destinations on the lake, following previous work done by Commodore Mike Fabius, was presented at the February Executive meeting. Suggestions, including TBYC support for destinations such as Porphyry Point Lighthouse and Number Ten Light with mooring balls and dock cladding, were made. Given the liability issues that come with such undertakings, these ideas will be taken under further advisement and possibly considered as a future budget item.

More on both of these matter will be reported in future *Bulletins*.

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