



from the Commodore

Hello fellow TBYC members

Summer has been slow to start this year. The weather has been all over the map to say the least, with many cool and rainy days along with some very windy ones. That being said there have been some opportunities to get out on the water for some nice sails and power boating. A sharp eye for those moments seems needed in this La Nina year.

As with any boating season, please take time to go over the Transport Canada safety requirements for your boat. They can be found online for the different length and configurations of vessels. Review that your:

- flares are not expired, and of the proper amount and type for your boat.
- fire extinguishers are up to date and of the quantity and type for your vessel
- first aid kit is well stocked and ready for use in an emergency.

All these checks will not only keep you in compliance but equipment ready for effective use if required.

Many great activities have happened this year within the club. The board brought a US Hoists technician to go over our travel lift and he gave us a positive review and report on the lift. Many questions and concerns were addressed which was well received by the maintenance team which later reviewed the information with the board. Recommendations and procedures will become ingrained in future maintenance because of this inspection.

Many thanks to all those involved for their time and dedication to the work done on the travel lift this spring. A very successful launch and haul was evident because of all this effort and work by the maintenance team. Hats off to all of those involved.

Last fall at the AGM, the TBYC presented to the members a newly developed Code of Conduct. This was reviewed with the members and will soon be placed on our TBYC website for access by all members. It is an important document which outlines how we must conduct ourselves not only to other members and guests on the TBYC property, but also out in public or club sanctioned events, where not only our beautiful boats are on display, but also the positive attitude of all TBYC members, and how we conduct ourselves. A vista of well mannered and cordial boaters will encourage future boaters and crew to want to become members themselves. Passing on our etiquette and knowledge can only inspire others.

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Another challenge the TBYC has been undertaking, is updating all our bylaws and procedures as required by the 'Ontario Not for profit Corporations Act' or ONCA. Several directors have been working diligently through government guidelines, and reviews by Sail Ontario. After numerous of hours of discussion, writes and rewrites, it was presented and accepted by the board. At the spring meeting a presentation of the bylaws was given to members, and after discussion it was voted upon and passed by the members. Thank you to all those involved undertaking the challenge in the creation of these bylaws. They reflect the core values of what built the TBYC as it stands today and will serve us going forward.

I am very pleased with the work and effort undertaken by the board this year. I personally thank each of you. If not for the individual and group efforts, the vast amount of work would not have been developed and completed.

Have a safe summer, and happy boating. Take many pictures and record your adventures. The newsletter would love to share them with everyone.

Tim Radul

Commodore

Upcoming Dates

SUNORA July 26 to Aug 3

Lighthouse Carnival August 17



Docking

Don DeBruyne - Docking Director

Greetings to all members. I hope you are all having a safe and enjoyable boating season. The TBYC docks have all been allocated with a continuing growth in demand from members. We continue to monitor and note that some docks will be needing some upgrades. This will be accomplished in winter months when working on ice is safe. Last winter obviously posed some issues with the warm weather and lack of ice. Most upgrades are the installation of piling that support the dock structure over the water. We have purchased all necessary piling material for several years of requirements and also have had some docks prebuilt for installation when necessary. Richard Matheson continues to monitor daily docking requests.

Good news regarding water levels. There was concern in late winter with a disturbing drop in water levels, but with continued precipitation, water levels are approaching what I see to be normal.

Don't be afraid to bring new people for a sail or a cruise on your boat. Perhaps a night at Thompson Island can give people an experience that will drive them to purchase a boat and become a new TBYC member. That's all from the docking director. Have a great summer.

Don DeBruyne.

Membership

Kyle Stroomer - Membership Director

We are happy to welcome our newest TBYC member joining since the previous newsletter.

Rik and Linda Aikman *Strike Three*

Also to note I am stepping down from the position and would thank the club for the opportunity to have been part of the board. The new membership director will be Shannon Whale.

Kyle Stroomer

Update on the By-laws project – *new TBYC By-Laws passed*

Thanks to those who came out for the members meeting held on June 6th for review and voting on the new TBYC By-Laws that had been developed over the winter for governance of the club. As previously noted, the Ontario Government requires all non-profit organizations such as TBYC to revise their governance documents to be in accordance with a new Act and legislation. A link to the developed new by-laws had previously been emailed to members and they are posted in the policy/ documents section of the website.

These by-laws were presented and voted on.... and having now been passed will replace the Constitution. Those operational aspects (those within the Constitution and some new ones) which did not fit the formal definition of governance by-laws were moved into 'Supporting Policies'. These were presented as a draft and will have completion work done over the summer.

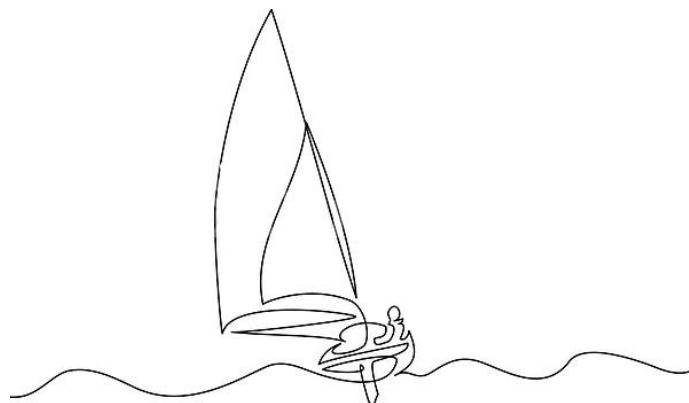
Marina Advisory Committee

Morgan Ellis - Marina Advisory Rep.

Parking and the loss of the second parking pass is a current concern but the MAC has no power to directly affect any change to the parking issue. However, a petition has been started by a marina boater to ask city council to reinstate the second parking pass.

Minutes of the MAC meetings will also start being emailed out to all contractor holders very soon.

Morgan Ellis



Destinations

29th SUNORA - SUPERIOR NORTH-shore Regatta

July 26 - Aug 3

SUNORA is a TBYC activity that is coming up soon. It's a unique cruise to some of the most beautiful harbours along our local Lake Superior shore, with opportunities for social fun and comradery. If you're a sailor, you're pitting your skills against the rest of the fleet in daily races from anchorage to anchorage. If you're a powerboater you'll have time to explore and discover places along the way. SUNORA takes place the last week of July between Friday July 26 evening to Aug 3rd. We'll take four days up to Red Rock and have two nights at the dock with plans for a banquet, and pot-luck gatherings. Then four days back to town with a finish and Celebratory Evening at Porphyry Island on Sat Aug 3.



Whether power or sail, SUNORA might have a place in your 2024 boating season. Perhaps you've always wanted to participate, or did it a number of years ago and would like to try it again. If you are newer to boating, there is possibly no better way to experience and learn about our great North Shore. Act soon - registration has begun.

For more info visit the SUNORA Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/122572877720> . Get in touch with the SUNORA Commodore, Rob Van Wyck 807-472-4327 rwanwyck@tbaytel.net if you're interested to save you a place.

Shoreline clean up

For the past number of years, Thunder Bay Yacht Club members have helped clear sections of the Sleeping Giant Provincial Park coast of debris and garbage, particularly in Sawyer Bay. This has been much appreciated by the park.

The previous event coordinator however needs to take a bit of a sabbatical for this year. Consequently, if there is anyone interested in putting this together, please let someone on the board know.

Even if not formally organized, please take some time when visiting Sawyer Bay, the Welcomes and other locations to walk the shorelines and pick up garbage and debris. Send us your success stories and photos.



Clubhouse Report

Graeme Saukko-Sved - Clubhouse Director

A reminder that all users of the TBYC clubhouse are to make reasonable efforts to keep the clubhouse clean. Furthermore, all users must follow the 'Clubhouse Use Policy' as found under the documents section of the TBYC website. Thank you to those who help keep our shared space neat and tidy.

In the next few months, volunteers will help demolish and build a new back deck as well as do renovations to the interior. There will be more information to come on these activities, and additional volunteers are welcome if you would like to help with these projects.

Otherwise, the clubhouse has been operating as it should with steady use from members and guests.

And to note I will have limited email or other connection until mid July. Please contact Richard Matheson 807-251-6832 for clubhouse related inquiries.

Graeme Saukko-Sved 807-632-9325

Launch & Haul

Mitch Sandberg, Launch & Haul Director

All boats are almost all in the water ready for the summer!

The travel lift has gotten a makeover with some fresh new blue paint ... almost done.

Travel lift will also be getting some older parts replaced with new to keep it running smoothly for all boaters in the fall.

Cheers to a safe 'n happy summer!

Mitch Sandberg



Storage

Nick Kovachis - Storage Director

Grass

A reminder to all members of their responsibility to cut the grass and maintain their storage site. The grass is getting quite long in those sites not being looked after. After June 15th any site not maintained will be done using volunteers and charged to the member.

We have cut 50 sites to date for owners who have not maintained their storage sites. Those members have all been billed \$25.00 per site. We are not cutting grass that could be done with a lawnmower. The average site that has not been cut this year has grass between 3-4 ft tall. We are having volunteers harvest the crop using push behind weed whackers.



If your site has long grass, please do not try to cut using our lawn mowers. The hand held or push behind weed whackers are the machines to use if the grass is higher than the lawn mower.

Storage Sites

We have 2 sites available for storage. Anyone interested in purchasing a boat should always look at the available boats for sale within the club. There are no guarantees that we will have storage unless it's an existing stored boat. Any member looking to import a boat from elsewhere needs to notify the club and apply for storage prior to bringing it to Thunder Bay.

Storage Site Boat Relocation

It will be necessary to relocate a couple of members boats/ cradles/ trailers. This work is necessary for the betterment of the club to enable storage of the larger boats close to the travel lift pier to minimize travelling distance with the heavier boats.

River Bank Storage Sites

Any boats stored along the river must have their all their personal blocking and misc. material stored inside their cradle or on their trailer. Sites that use blocking and stands need to be organized and blocks and stands stored in a neat pile to make room for parking of vehicles and to provide access to the docks and boats.

Electrical Upgrades

We are planning some underground electrical maintenance for the downstream end of the yard. This work will be completed during the summer when it will impact the least number of boats.

Roadways - are in good condition and we will continue to maintain them through the summer.

Nick Kovachis



Racing

Bob Vander Ploeg, Fleet Captain -Sail

Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024

Starting Races

- 5 minutes before starting signal: C = Class flag
- 4 minutes before starting signal: C = Class flag, Preparatory signal
- 1 minute before starting signal: C = Class flag, Preparatory signal
- Starting signal: C = Class flag

Wind direction

Obstruction

Room to tack

Finishing Line

Rules Chart

Zone A distance of three hull lengths

M Mark-room given

Windward A boat's leeward side is the side on which her mainsail lies. The other side is her windward side.

Leeward

Port A boat is on a tack, starboard or port corresponding to her Windward side.

Starboard

Rule number

Red boat - Give way boat

Green boat - Right of way boat (Rule number 10, 11, 12 and 13)

Developing situation

Individual Recall signals

General Recall signals

Photo: Dale Coates

Lighthouse Flashes

Paul Morralee - Community Relations Director

As the summer begins and boats are getting ready for voyages, destinations play a huge role especially on Lake Superior. Over the past many years, TBYC has been active in deploying mooring balls in the waters near to Thunder Bay for members and the public to enjoy. And this summer we will again see the SUNORA out on the water enjoying a trip across the north shore.

During the summer months there are other destinations you can visit. The Canadian Lighthouses of Lake Superior offers Porphyry Island Lighthouse. Entrance to the facilities is already paid for through your club membership. You are welcome to bring along family and friends and spend a day or overnight at the lighthouse dock, at no additional cost. The sauna, nature walks, and black sand beaches are all available for you to visit.

If you are looking for a fun event, why not come to the annual **Lighthouse Carnival on August 17th**, it is \$65 per person for boaters to attend and includes "Painting Superior" with Parks Canada, hikes, historic & eco tours, film screenings, entertainments with Scott Van Teeflen and a Fish & Chips dinner. Guaranteed to be a memory maker.

This year a celebration is also taking place at Trowbridge Lighthouse as it was built one hundred years ago. A local brewery and the TBYC Social committee helped launch a new beer this summer called *Trowbridge*. If you'd like to purchase a beer or two from the Lakehead Beer Company, each beer sold helps provide a partial donation to help with the upkeep of the lighthouses.

Currently there are two active studies taking place for future restoration work at Trowbridge Island Lighthouse. Work has recently been completed on repairs to the stairs to the light tower. No.10 Lighthouse off to the east as you approach the Nipigon Channel is also getting some further attention with more yard work and cutting of some trees for the development of further facilities, including docking.

Thanks to the yacht club members for their support to destinations and hope to see you out on the lake.

Paul Morralee

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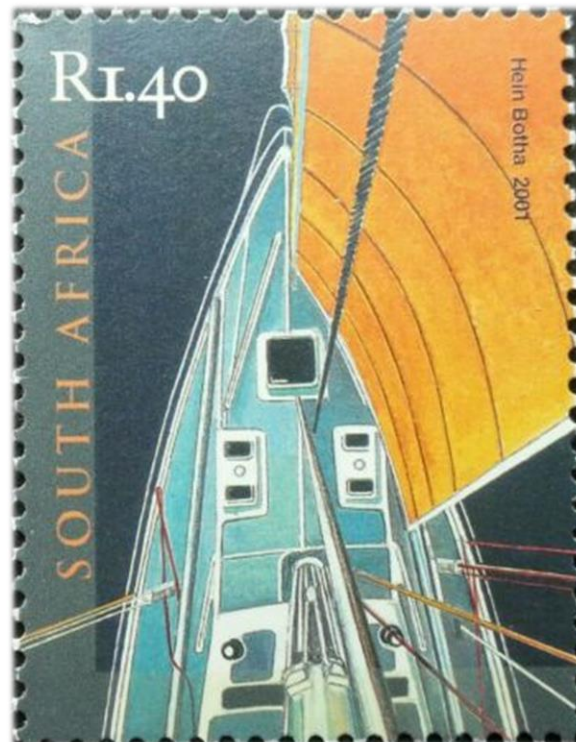


from the Newsletter editor

My appreciation and thanks to those directors who submitted information for this newsletter. And thanks to all of you who read it. Although primarily communication from the club, it is also every member's newsletter, and certainly improved with your submissions or ideas. If you have a story of any sort, a boat project, a maintenance tip or advice, a suggestion for some reading or place to visit, a photo, etc., please send it in. No matter how small, any submission will be of interest and very appreciated. And if there is something you'd like to see in the newsletter, please let me know.

Have a great remainder of the boating season.

Andrew Hail aghaill@tbaytel.net



TBYC Board of Directors 2024

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