



## from the Commodore

Hello to all TBYC members.

Spring is finally here after an unprecedented mild winter. I am sure you are eager to get working on your boats and catch up with friends and boaters at the yard in anticipation of on water adventures.

Ongoing upgrades to the boat house continue as I write this. It was a huge undertaking to refurbish this building which has a long history with the club. Thank you to the volunteers, young and old, who put in their sweat and skills to make this happen.

The website has been revised and is up and running. Services are more accessible including L&H booking, volunteer sign ups, and buy and sell.

U.S. Hoist was brought on site from Long Island, New York for a complete Travel Lift inspection. The inspector was impressed with the condition of our workhorse and a maintenance schedule is being prepared from the report. Thank you to the directors and volunteers responsible for this good news. During launch season, please think of others and safety by driving slowly and parking out of the way of the Travel Lift and ramp area.

To each member, their family and their guests, have a safe, and adventure filled summer!

*Tim Radul*  
Commodore

## Upcoming Dates

Pre-season Racing Meeting and Social *April 30*  
Safety at Sea training course *May 4, 5*  
Start of Launch operations *hopefully weekend May 11, 12*  
Marina opens *May 15*  
Trivia Night *May 15, 19:00 clubhouse*  
Beer launch event *May 28 Lakehead Beer*  
Vote meeting on TBYC by-laws *June 6, 19:00 clubhouse*

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## Membership

Kyle Stroomer - Membership Director

We are happy to welcome our newest TBYC members joining over the winter and since the previous newsletter. Although applications have slowed the past year, we are still seeing a slow and steady influx of boaters to the club.

Dale and Amanda Coates	<i>Nocona</i>
Dan Quenneville and Lara Ungeran	<i>KayJay</i>
Vlad Popescu	<i>Jule</i>
Glen Drewes	<i>Unplugged</i>
Michael Meany	<i>Nomad</i>
Lukas Kajiwara and Alexandria Leon	<i>Silent Dream</i>
Richard Chukra and Carla Chisel	<i>Slingshot</i>
Greg Galloway	<i>Spirit's Compass</i>
Craig and Glenda Hussey	<i>Sea of No Cares</i>

*Kyle Stroomer*

## Voting and update on the By-laws project

*TBYC Members Meeting June 6, 7pm, clubhouse*

As you may be aware and as was discussed at the Annual Meeting, the Ontario Government requires all non-profit organizations such as TBYC to review and revise their governance documents to be in accordance with a new Act and legislation. This essentially meant the club's constitution had to be rearranged and rewritten. A new set of by-laws to replace it and identify the club's governance has been worked through and various operational aspects (new and old) which do not fit the definition of governance by-laws have been moved into 'Supporting Policies'. The new TBYC by-laws have been reviewed and passed by the Board and the next requirement prior to submission is approval by club membership. A copy of the new by-laws will shortly be forwarded via email and a **special members meeting has been called for Thursday, June 6, at 7pm at the club-house** to vote on the by-laws, and to provide an initial review of the new policies. Please attend.

## Marina

There is a public consultation survey regarding marina development and the Waterfront Master Plan Update for the Pool 6 lands adjacent to the existing marina.

TBYC members are encouraged to submit their opinions on the issues.  
Here is the link....



<https://getinvolvedthunderbay.ca/waterfront-master-plan-update-pool-6-lands>

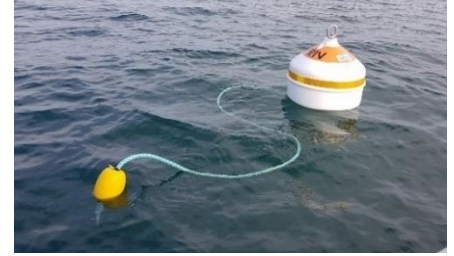
## Docking

Don Debruyne - Docking Director

Docks are in good shape, but water level is really low this year... almost 20" down from last year.

## Destinations

Volunteers and assistance are requested to help retrieve winter markers, and set the summer buoys at the mooring locations at Sawyer Bay, Tee Harbour, and the Welcome Islands. If you can offer some assistance in any way, please contact Morgan Ellis 807-629-1939 [mje.mjellis@gmail.com](mailto:mje.mjellis@gmail.com)



### From the Rear-Commodore

For the 2024 Season, TBYC continues to support our Destinations Program:

TBYC has purchased a group membership to the CLLS (Canadian Lighthouses of Lake Superior) associated sites on Lake Superior, allowing our members use of the facilities without purchase an individual membership or day pass. This mutually beneficial arrangement has provided TBYC members value in years past, and we are happy to continue supporting the CLLS as a sister organization. Details on the CLLS sites can be found at [clls.ca](http://clls.ca) . Please note that extra services, such as wi-fi or campsite reservations are not included in our group membership purchase.

There will also be moors placed at Tee Harbour, Welcome Island, and Sawyer Bay in May. These moorings are for both TBYC and public use, and are available at a first come first serve basis. Please reach out if you have recommendations for a destination that the club could consider for 2025.

Late 2023, the TBYC Board explored member concerns regarding the Travel Lift and its use to launch and haul the variety of different boats stored on our property. A recent inspection by U.S. Hoists has provided the club of wealth of new information about our lift, alleviating many of the concerns brought forward since the 2023 AGM. In fall 2024, a survey to the membership will be published to provide information about our lift, and seek input on the long-term Launch & Haul needs of our members.

*Chris Saunders*

## 29<sup>th</sup> SUNORA - SUPERIOR NORTH-SHORE REGATTA

SUNORA is 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 Sat July 27 to Aug 3. Turn-around point is RedRock, with plans for banquet, and pot-luck gatherings. 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 our great shoreline. For more info visit the SUNORA Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/122572877720> or inquire via the newsletter editor.





## Volunteer Opportunities

See the website for additional volunteer opportunities, information, and sign up:

**Moorings** Retrieval of winter markers, and placing mooring buoys at Sawyer Bay, Tee Harbour, and Welcome Islands. Morgan Ellis 807-629-1939 [mje.mjellis@gmail.com](mailto:mje.mjellis@gmail.com)

**Clubhouse renovations** Tasks include; workspace prep, painting walls, refinishing flooring, cleaning race trophies, deep cleaning the kitchen and prepping the back deck for removal and replacement. Also, routine cleaning activities such as sweeping, cleaning tables, doing dishes, cleaning washrooms, mowing the clubhouse lawn. Graeme Saukko-Sved 807-632-9325 [g.saukkosved@gmail.com](mailto:g.saukkosved@gmail.com)

**Racing** The race committee needs volunteer help in several roles to help with race administration and organization, especially assistant race officers. Volunteered time will be credited. Contact the Fleet Captain at [racing@tbyc.on.ca](mailto:racing@tbyc.on.ca)

**Sextant Display Case Fabrication** We are seeking a woodworker or metalsmith to craft a secure and visually appealing display case for a significant artifact donated to the club.

The sextant, a contribution from the estate of Bill Dunlop, was crafted in Liverpool, England, around 1871.

The club will cover costs of materials required for the construction of the display case. We also wish to include a plaque detailing the sextant's particulars.

If interested in this project, or researching the sextant, please contact Hugh Briggs 807-344-0654.



## Clubhouse Report

Graeme Saukko-Sved - Clubhouse Director

First launch is around the corner and the clubhouse is seeing more and more activity. Feel free to stop in for a break from boat projects, have a cup of coffee, play a game of pool, or sit and enjoy the mosquito free atmosphere!

A few friendly reminders...

As a volunteer run club, it is everyone's responsibility to clean up after themselves and keep the clubhouse tidy. There is to be absolutely no smoking or vaping of any sort inside the clubhouse, new signs have been posted and ashtrays in designated smoking areas outside the building. The clubhouse is not to be used in any form as a workshop, no boat projects are allowed inside or at the clubhouse picnic tables. No food shall be left stored in cupboards and the freezer shall not be used to make your own ice, ice is available on the deck for \$2.50 per bag, please see payment instructions on the icebox. Due to allergies amongst some members, pets are not allowed in the clubhouse.

Volunteer opportunities...

To reduce cost to the club spent on professional cleaning services, we are looking for volunteers to help with routine cleaning activities at the clubhouse. This includes sweeping, cleaning tables, doing dishes, cleaning washrooms, mowing the clubhouse lawn etc.

Some bigger clubhouse projects that we hope to complete this year include refinishing the hardwood flooring, painting the interior, updating bathrooms, cleaning the siding, inventorying and replacing kitchen

supplies (coffee cups, silverware etc.), reorganizing the bookshelves and cleaning the trophies in the trophy cabinet. I am also looking for someone to help take on the larger project that is replacing the back deck. Please stay tuned to the TBYC website for ongoing volunteer opportunities related to the clubhouse. It is a great way to knock off some volunteer hours!

As always, the clubhouse is available for booking on a first come first serve basis, please email me for bookings.

*Graeme Saukko-Sved* [g.saukkosved@gmail.com](mailto:g.saukkosved@gmail.com)  
807-632-9325

## Launch & Haul

Mitch Sandberg, Launch & Haul Director

**Weather and yard permitting, the first day of 2024 Launch will be weekend of May11, 12.**

Cheers to a great 2024 season.

We have done lots of maintenance and inspection on the travel lift and it is in good working order for the upcoming season. We plan to repaint it and could use some volunteer help. We hope to start launching boats the May 11, 12 weekend if the yard is dry enough. Please keep in mind that heavier power boats should keep weight to a minimum by reduced fuel and tank levels, and any other equipment such as dinghy's kept off until boat is floating. A reminder to please park well off the road way when the travel lift is moving boats. There will also now be no parking at the corner of the clubhouse building and launch ramp on Launch and Haul days.

Enjoy your summer!

*Mitch*

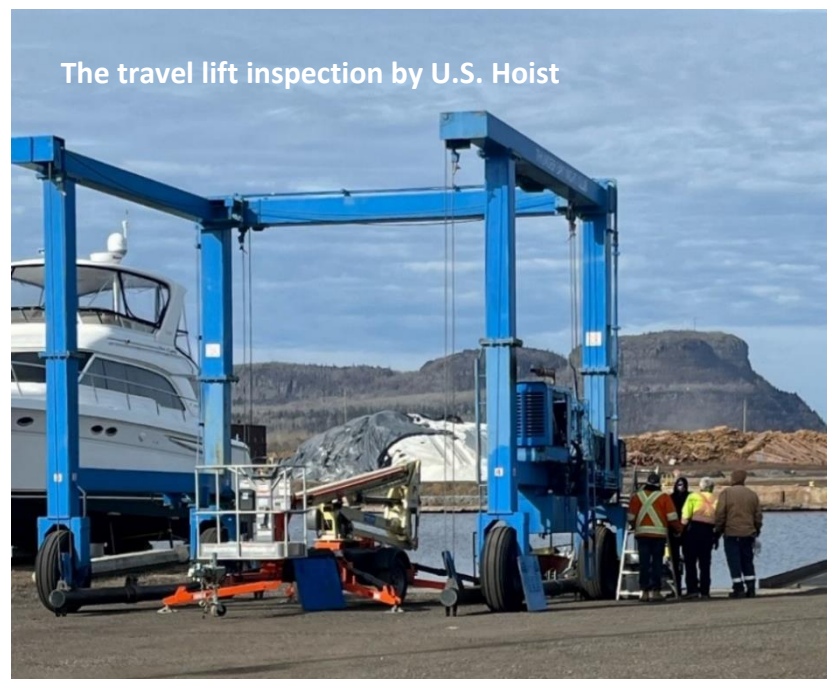
Please use the online booking system for all launch requests.

Remember two people are required in addition to the boat owner to assist with your launch. It is up to the boat owner to arrange this assistance.

For sailboats, either forestay or backstay must be removed prior to being lifted. Nothing should touch the travel lift other than the slings supporting the boat.

Ensure your storage area is clear and free of debris and trip hazards.

Please review the Launch & Haul Policy, and if applicable the Mast Hoist Usage Guide, found in the documents section of the website.



## Storage

Nick Kovachis - Storage Director

The boat storage building jointly owned by the TBYC is nearing completion of the new exterior. The 50 year old building has been partially re-sheeted with plywood, strapped and had new metal sheeting installed to the exterior walls. The roof was stripped of shingles by younger volunteers and that was much appreciated by the seniors working on the project. The new metal roof was installed this past week and the finishing touches should be done by the end of April.

Thanks to all the volunteers that have helped out at various times. Thanks to the retired crew that has spent the past 2½ years working on the building addition and new exterior. These members have worked during the off season of boating including the winter months to complete the project.

Hats off to Dan Hedley (site superintendent), Dave Klages, Marco Grigio, Jim Massey and Tim Radul. These volunteers have given up over a thousand hours of their time and brought their skills, knowledge and tools help out.



**Picnic tables** - Please be careful when using the refinished picnic tables. They were refinished last year with members volunteering their skill and efforts. Keep in mind that they are there for members to enjoy. If you need a flat surface to work on please remember to use adequate protection to be prevent any damage.

**Grass cutting** - Anyone interested in having their grass cut by volunteer members can sign up for the service. We are charging \$80.00 for 4 cuttings during the summer months. This includes the use of TBYC equipment and gasoline. Anyone interested can reach out to me at [Nick.kovachis@yahoo.com](mailto:Nick.kovachis@yahoo.com) or 807-626-6197 text/phone. Any sites not maintained with grass cutting, or having debris or material outside their cradle or boat stands area will be cleaned up at the site users expense. Please do your part to help keep our yard tidy and Tick free.



The roadways are drying up nicely and the majority of the yard should be available by launch date.

There are some electrical upgrades scheduled for this year. We will keep the members informed if your area of the yard is going to be affected by the electrical work.

*Nick Kovachis*



## Racing

Bob Vander Ploeg, Fleet Captain -Sail

### Sea Survival - A Personal Safety-at-Sea Seminar: May 4/5.

Includes practical PFD and life-raft drills in the pool and distress signalling. Skills and theory broadly divided between heavy weather seamanship, abandon ship and survival, crew overboard emergencies and safety planning. Training is recognized by World Sailing and last held here in 2018.

There are a few seats left. Registration available right up to Saturday morning, May 4. More info and registration at <https://seasurvival.ca/index.html>



### New Crew Program: June 8/9 and 15/16

TBYC skippers will volunteer their experience and sailboats to recruit and train new crew over two weekends in June. The program consists of morning classroom sessions and afternoon on-the-water sailing sessions. Saturdays and Sundays 9:00 to 16:00, June 8, 9 and 15, 16.

\$200 + HST

Contact Rowan Seymour at 807-631-8439 or [rowan173@gmail.com](mailto:rowan173@gmail.com)



### Pre-season Racing Meeting and Social - 7 PM, April 30 at the Clubhouse.

An overview of event schedule and race organization, and then sails and ales...

### Schedule (initial races)

- First Wednesday night race - May 22.
- First offshore race - Burke Shoal, Saturday, May 25 (noon start)

### Volunteers Needed

The race committee needs volunteer help in several roles to help with race administration and organization, especially assistant race officers. Volunteered time will be credited. Contact the Fleet Captain at [racing@tbyc.on.ca](mailto:racing@tbyc.on.ca)

New email address for all things racing: [racing@tbyc.on.ca](mailto:racing@tbyc.on.ca)

*Bob Vander Ploeg*

## Lighthouse Flashes

Paul Morralee - Community Relations Director

The crystal-clear refreshing waters of Lake Superior are beckoning us for another season of summer escapades and creating new memories. This season, the lighthouse community is commemorating a significant milestone with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Trowbridge Island Lighthouse. Note the yacht club social committee will be announcing the release of another lighthouse beer for this. As a member of the yacht club, your entry to the lighthouses is covered, so feel free to visit Porphyry anytime. Join the annual lighthouse carnival on August 17<sup>th</sup>, and partake in this unique event like 'Paint Superior' with Parks Canada. If you have visitors, they can also enjoy the weekly charter from Silver Islet on Thursdays and Sundays.

Members have access to Porphyry Island Harbour on a first-come, first-served basis, and offering amenities like a sauna, fire pit, boathouse, optional Starlink WiFi (\$), coastal trails, and guided tours. Additionally, the house and tents are available for rent if you have extra guests on board and want to provide accommodations. What better way to connect to the boating community, engage in history and enjoy our beautiful environment! Further information on boating activities is available for all summer events at the clubhouse.



*Paul Morralee*

Managing Director

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## Social Happenings

Aaron Tator - Social Director

Greetings boaters,

With spring launch fast approaching, the TBYC Social committee has been busy finalising plans for this season's upcoming events:

**Wednesday May 15th** - *Trivia Night* at the clubhouse, 7pm: Captains, bring your crew to the clubhouse for a night of nautical themed trivia. Lots of chances to win great prizes from local brands. Last season's event was very well attended, and we look forward to another great evening of friendly competition. Trivia will cover all aspects of boating, this is not just for sailors! There will be some light snacks provided, BYOB.

**Tuesday, May 28th** - Does summer time make you thirsty? It's time to quench your thirst with the *Trowbridge Lighthouse Beer*, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the lighthouse. TBYC is partnering with Lakehead Beer and Canadian Lighthouses of Lake Superior (CLLS) to build on last year's success of the *Porphyry Beer*. This launch event at Lakehead Beer (206 Park Ave) will give the first taste of this golden nectar, but fear not, it will be available on tap and by the can for the remainder of the summer. Stay tuned for more details in the next few weeks regarding the launch.

**Wednesday June 19th** - *Summer Solstice Raft Up* at Marina park moorings, after Wednesday night racing. Come one, come all - this is a time for racers; cruisers and powerboats to celebrate the Midsummer with a cold drink and the best company.

*Aaron Tator*



## from the Newsletter editor

My appreciation and thanks to those individuals and 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 boating season. *Andrew Haill* aghaill@tbaytel.net



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