



from the Commodore

Hello all TBYC members...

It definitely was a slow start to the boating season in the spring of 2022, however after delayed launching due to frost, ground conditions and weather (late spring), things did get on the way and anyone that wished to go boating this year got launched. Hopefully everyone enjoyed going to their favorite boating getaway location or just enjoyed the pleasures of boating the harbour waters.

Unfortunately, the season in our area is short and now it's time to haul, winterize and store the vessels for another winter. By now all boats should be on the hard and secured for the winter season.

Now is the time to gather and exchange stories and adventures from the 2022 summer boating season, and what better way to do this than the annual *Close of Navigation* dinner and dance on November 12th at the Prince Arthur Hotel (downtown Port Arthur).

At this time, I would like to thank the executive, board of directors, and various committees for their commitment and hard work over the past year. It is your tireless commitment and volunteer time that keeps the club functioning and meeting the needs of all our members. Also, I would like to thank and recognize the many individual members that are not part of the organized committees that just jump in and help fellow members when they are in need. This is especially important at this time since we are experiencing an influx of new membership.

Many projects around the TBYC have been completed or nearing completion that will enhance the use of our club facility for members in the years ahead.

To all members in good standing, please note that November 24, 2022 is the Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the clubhouse, for the Thunder Bay Yacht Club. For those wanting to become more familiar with the operation of the TBYC it is a good time to attend and get a good overview of how the club operates and the workings of the various directorships and committees. It is your club, so come out and have your voice heard.

To all members... take care, have an enjoyable holiday season, and all the best in the New Year.

Vic Miller
Commodore



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TBYC – Annual General Meeting and Board Election

The Annual General Meeting for the Thunder Bay Yacht Club will be held Thursday November 24th, 7pm at the Clubhouse.

Please give some thought to allowing your name to stand for a TBYC Board position. The following positions are concluding their two-year terms and open to nominations and election at the AGM. Social, Community Relations, Membership, Storage, Clubhouse, Fleet Captain-Sail.

Please email Past-Commodore Hugh Briggs if interested. The Past-Commodore then meets with other Past-Commodores to make recommendations for filling the board at the AGM. Nominations can also be offered from the floor at the AGM.

Not ready to commit to a board position? Many directors also need help to assist them in fulfilling their roles and are always looking for volunteers. This is a great way to learn more about the club and possibly join the board at a later date with some experience. Please let us know if you are interested to help out in a behind the scene role.

Membership

Kyle Stroomer - Membership Director

It has been a successful summer on the lake with many new members joining the club. Moving forward, it should be noted that we are essentially full in regards to accommodating the storage of boats and cradles which could limit the influx of new boats and members to the club.

We are happy to welcome our newest members since the previous newsletter.

John & Paula Ranta	<i>Silver Heels</i>
Martin Dube & Megan Sergeant	<i>Out of the Blue</i>
Dan & Donna Campbell	<i>Impulse</i>
Mathew King	<i>Tango</i>
Ted Mroz	<i>Mi Cecile</i>
Heron King	<i>A Lady in Red</i>
Ross & Carolyn de Jardine	<i>Drifter</i>
Keith Falardeau & Lindsay McClenaghan	<i>Glory</i>
Gabriel Thompson & Carley Kostyshyn	<i>Ehecatl</i>

Kyle Stroomer

Clubhouse Report

Jim Heald - Clubhouse Director

Hello fellow boaters, though I have enjoyed the last few years as the clubhouse director and indeed consider it an honour to have served you, I must now step back and give someone else the opportunity. Our Clubhouse is getting old and showing its age. It's time to consider a replacement to better serve the needs of our members.

Happy boating,

Jim Heald



Social Happenings

Shannon Whale - Social Director

Greetings from the Social Committee,

Our final BBQ in late September had over 50 people enjoy burgers, corn, salad, and fellow club members' company and stories.

Well, that time of year is upon us and as the boating season ends the social committee is excited to announce that we are once again having our traditional windup...

Close of Navigation Dinner and Dance

Saturday November 12th at the Prince Arthur Hotel.

5:30 Symposium

6:30 Buffet dinner

8:00 Awards followed by music & dancing with DJ

This should be a great time. Please purchase tickets through e-transfer - 'payments@tbyc.on.ca' \$80 per person. Note in the message section your name, boat name and any food allergies.

Any question or concerns (or boating photos) please contact Shannon at social@tbyc.on.ca



I would like to say thank you to all the members who come out to social functions and also have helped us support the RFDA and Thunder Bay District Humane Society over the last few years. An especially large thank you to Kathleen Michalchuk and Beverly White-Kokeza for the extraordinary amount of help and fun we've had along the way. After a number of years, I've decided to give up the post and let another take the place of Social Director. Anyone wanting some insight into the position please contact me.

Shannon Whale

Destinations

Thanks to the many individuals and team for all the hard work installing new moors, and pulling out the mooring buoys for winter. Help will again be needed in the spring to set everything up again. If you can offer some assistance in any way, please let Rowan Seymour (Rear Commodore) know 631-8439.



Thanks also to those participating in the shoreline cleanup at Sawyer Bay. As can be seen from the following submission from Dan Turk, this was much appreciated.

Beach clean up at Sawyer Bay

Dan Turk

For the second year in a row, Thunder Bay Yacht Club members came out in full force to scour the shoreline of Sleeping Giant Provincial Park looking for shoreline garbage. An initiative that TBYC member Morgan Ellis started last year continued this year on the Labour Day long weekend. In partnership with the Park, TBYC members combed the shoreline of Sawyer and Hoorigan Bay, and picked up 8 or 9 garbage bags of debris that had washed up on the beaches.



Photos: Dan Turk

In addition to the Bays, we were asked if we could pick up some items that Parks staff had collected from the base of "The Gorge". Another 8 bags and some random plastics were transported by dinghy by Holly Fleming, Michelle Willows and Dan Turk.

This year, the Canadian Coast Guard came in to assist us with removing and shuttling garbage bags and a 45-gallon plastic drum – thank you to Commanding Officer Jordan Kazakevicius and his crew for coming out aboard the *CCGS Cape Chaillon*. The food for our hungry volunteers was generously donated by Paul Wilson, owner of Enviro-Shred. Thank you to all of the volunteers; Lori and Bob Vander Ploeg, Michelle Willows and Holly Fleming *Bobsled*, John Stevenson and Bo Huk *Pompano*, Neil Irvine *Windrush*, Dan Turk *Little Bea*, and a father/son team. Look for opportunities to be part of this next year.



Thunder Bay Yacht Club (TBYC)
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September 25, 2022

Dear TBYC,

Thank you for completing a broad-scale shoreline cleanup in Sleeping Giant Provincial Park on September 4, 2022. Expanding the scope of this endeavour beyond Sawyer Bay has made a lasting improvement to the state of the Sibley Peninsula coastline and the park is a better place thanks to your efforts.

In addition to being inspired by your volunteer work, I was also impressed by your resourcefulness to involve the Canadian Coast Guard with your coastal cleanup initiative.

To provide some context for how challenging it is to remove garbage from remote sections of the park, I have included photos of an operation into the iconic gorge beneath the terminus of the Top of the Giant Trail. On August 29, 2022, I entered the gorge with three of my staff to pick up garbage that had been thrown off a nearby lookout. One of my Park Wardens was stationed at the lookout to prevent hikers from toppling debris over the cliffs while we worked below. In a day of work that involved hiking around the Giant to access the site, we collected 4 bags of garbage and recovered hazardous waste, including batteries, from an ecologically sensitive area of the park. Without TBYC's support with collecting the bags from a staging location, the waste we pulled from the gorge would not have made it to a landfill since it was not feasible to carry this material on foot.

I cannot overstate how appreciative I am for your continued cleanups of the park's coastline. Once I receive a stock of annual permits for the 2023 season, I will mail three of them to TBYC to be shared amongst the volunteers who contributed to the September 4th cleanup. These permits will be valid in all Ontario Parks from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023.

Sincerely,

Christian Carl, Park Superintendent, Sleeping Giant Provincial Park

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks



Storage

Nick Kovachis - Storage Director

All boats owners that requested storage have been allocated winter storage sites. We have one site available for future storage and the club will be looking at the possible reorganization of storage sites to increase capacity. In the meantime, any new membership which includes a request for storage will automatically be put on a waiting list. This applies to boats that are being sold and currently being stored on the property. Any existing member who is looking to purchase a new boat will also be put on a waiting list for storage. Any member who has questions or needs clarification please contact me.

The yard power feeding the new electrical panel that was installed last year is currently out of service. An electrical problem was detected and the panel feeds were isolated at the transformer. This affects all the plugs along the fence along TJC property and the old Kam boathouse pad. We are working on getting this rectified as quickly as possible. The necessary excavations to facilitate repairs have been done and Synergy North and an electrical contractor are working on completing the repair. Thanks to Tim Radul for trouble shooting the problem and coordinating the repairs.

The storage building construction is progressing and we will hopefully have trusses on by the end of November. Thanks to Dan Hedley and Marco Grigio for their expertise as well as their effort for continuing to work the project while I'm 6 time zones away.

In regards to winter access please inspect your storage sites and ensure that everything is tidy and properly stored within your cradle, stands or trailer. Anything left on the ground is at risk of being damaged. Periodically we need to clear pathways for the spring melt to flow. And the operator is assuming that you have kept your belongings inside your storage area as per our guidelines.

Remember to periodically inspect your shelter for damaged tarps and ensure that your blocking has not shifted. We will notify any members of any possible problems but ultimately, it's your responsibility to keep your boat safe.

And finally, please ensure all lines are properly tensioned, halyards are well tied back to prevent slapping on the mast, and that booms are secured against excessive movement.

Have a safe and uneventful winter storage season.

Nick Kovachis



Launch & Haul

Daniel Dimond, Launch & Haul Director

Greetings TBYC Boaters,

Despite a very wet and cold start to the season we launched more boats this summer than we have in the past two years. I'd like to thank Richard Quenneville for his steady and dependable service, Dave Shepherd and Mitch Sandberg for their patient and helpful assistance, and Richard Matheson for his efforts to keep things running smoothly. When getting your boat in or out of the water is top of mind it is often easy to overlook the work done behind the scenes to help make it happen.

Our Travel Lift also worked hard this year and I am grateful for the help of Jeff Yanchuk, Sarah Browne and Derrik Patola who volunteer their time and skills to keep the lift maintained and in good condition.

I'd like to thank Gary Coughlin for his assistance in sourcing parts for our travel lift, and a special mention to both Gary and Helena for the work they have done to rehabilitate many picnic tables at the Mission property.

As well, a shout out to Ryan Morrison for taking on the rebuilding of one of our mast carts which suffered an untimely demise at the beginning of haul out. Its absence was quite notable and I look forward to starting next season with it back in the stable beside the mast racks, where carts should be left when not in use.

If I have forgotten anyone my sincere apologies. The volunteer aspect of our club is key to keeping our Launch & Haul costs low and all volunteer help is truly appreciated. There are many opportunities to get involved with Launch & Haul each season so if you are interested, please contact Daniel Dimond for more information.

A note to all who are using the mast racks this winter; please take a moment to make sure aials and wind instruments are removed from the top of your masts. They present quite a hazard for others working around them and risk of accidental damage high. Also, make sure stays, lines, and anything else that may be flopping down onto other masts is tied up and secure to limit chafe to both your mast and others during our windy winters. Please remember to label your mast in some way, preferably at both ends, so that we are able to contact you if there is a need to do so.

Finally, thanks to everyone who made an effort to haul out earlier than the final weekend this season. We had a much more balanced haul schedule and it reduced the workload and demand on our resources significantly during the final few days. The increase in helpers with each boat was also noticeable and it was great to see everybody pitching in to assist with other boats.

Have a great winter everyone,

Daniel Dimond



Photo: Graeme Saukko-Sved

Racing

Geoff Hall, Fleet Captain -Sail

The boats are dry, the sails are stowed, now it's time to reflect on the season past and plan for the next. Summer 2022 provided some great competition for all 3 fleets, and comradery on the water. We raced in 30knots, dead calm, and abandoned races due to fog and lightning. It was a good summer overall.

The focus this winter will be the health of the fleet. Bob Vander Ploeg has organized a meeting on Nov. 9 at 7pm at the clubhouse to discuss ideas to grow the racing fleet. All involved or interested in racing are encouraged to attend.

The season depends on many people to make it a success... I would like to thank some of them. Mike McDonald and Carlos make running the races look easy. It's not. Deep experience and the hard work they provide gave us exciting racing and sound decisions on safety. The race committee boat was overseen by Morgan Ellis to ensure its good condition and readiness all summer. David Person cleaned the boat every week to showroom condition. Rowan Seymour and Mitch Sandberg were available many times to lend a hand launching and taking out the boat.

Thanks also go to the race advisory group for the knowledge and assistance they have provided over the year. Many thanks to Cam McWhirter, Bob Vander Ploeg, James Gracey, Terry Cano, and Dave De Jong.

Geoff Hall

Wednesday night 2022 season final results

	A fleet		B fleet		C fleet	
1 st	<i>Mongoose</i>	Mitch Sandberg	<i>Straight Jacket</i>	Terry Cano	<i>Blade Runner</i>	Marty Baryluk
2 nd	<i>Bobsled</i>	Bob Vander Ploeg	<i>Rumba</i>	Geoff Hall	<i>Felucca</i>	Alastair Grant
3 rd	<i>Berzerker</i>	Andre St. Jacques	<i>Nibbler</i>	Andrew Murtomaki	<i>AirAura</i>	Chris Bailey
4 th	<i>Gong Show</i>	Casey Sellers	<i>Eclipse</i>	Christopher Winn		
5 th	<i>Bella</i>	Cam McWhirter	<i>Tethani</i>	Fred Stille		
6 th	<i>Northern Harrier</i>	Chris Wells	<i>Surf</i>	Audrey Gagnon		

"What is the future of TBYC keelboat racing?"

A gathering of sailors interested in the health & growth of our racing program is planned for 7:00pm, Wednesday, November 9 at TBYC Mission Clubhouse.

Please attend, and share this invitation with anybody who might like to race in the future, or has raced in the past. These people might be interested crew, non-racing boat owners, or new sailors. They do not have to be club members to participate.

This gathering will be a forum to share comments, questions, and concerns in a non-judgmental and sociable manner. The goal is to evaluate the present and future health of our racing program in a group setting, with the hope of increasing participation. Everybody is welcome.



Photo: Lucas Johnson

For more information contact Bob Vander Ploeg: 807-630-3745.

Community Engagement

Paul Morralee - Community Relations Director

The Thunder Bay Yacht Club has received a REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK from the Canadian Coast Guard.

The Canadian Coast Guard Aids to Navigation Program is conducting a review of the aids to navigation in the Port of Thunder Bay and its approaches to ensure that they are continuing to meet their Level of Service requirements for this area. In order to gather information on waterway usage and feedback on the aids to navigation present they invite individuals who are familiar with this area to complete a short questionnaire.

It is possible to imagine changes in service requirements may occur if not hearing these aids are valued. If interested in participating, please access the questionnaire (by end Nov.) using the weblink...

<https://forms.office.com/r/PrHHDqJVg6>

from the Newsletter editor

My appreciation and thanks to those individuals and directors who submitted information for this newsletter. Although primarily communication from the club, it is of course also every member's newsletter, and certainly improved with your submissions or ideas. Particularly over the upcoming 'wish we were boating' season 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 solid water interlude,
and looking forward to next year.

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