



THE MAINSHEET

Mississauga Sailing Club Newsletter - March 2011

Commodore's Comments by Norm Rippon

I enjoy the Annual General Meeting because the Club begins to re-awaken after the Christmas hiatus. The Sailors' Gatherings begin and the newly minted Executive Officers begin to prepare for new sailing season.

I would like to thank the outgoing executive members for their many years of service to the Club. Mark Taylor, Darren Brash, and Martin Boeykens have devoted countless hours in their roles as Commodore/ Past Commodore, Secretary and Race Officer. Their steady hands at the tiller have been deeply appreciated.

Joining this year's Executive will be Glen Storey in his new incarnation as Facilities Officer, Franz Bauer as Membership Officer, David Whyman as Sail Officer, John Hemingway as Social Officer (ably assisted by his wife Georgette,) and finally, Donna Gallant as Secretary. Anthony Faga and Ron Williams have been kind enough to continue in their roles as Communications Officer and Treasurer.

Please read the Executive Reports submissions in this newsletter as each Officer begins to share his or her aspirations and plans.

This year, we'll need to form or, in one case reconstitute, some ad hoc committees. We will be co-hosting with PCYC the World Wide Wayfarer Championships in 2013 and will need to replace or augment the present Interim Organizing Committee with a new or expanded team. Next year will be our fortieth anniversary and we will need a committee to help us mark the occasion in a suitable fashion. And, finally, we'll need to reactivate a committee to help us prioritize our capital expenditures after this year. I've already been chatting with some members who would like to Chair or co-chair these steering committees. Please let us know if you wish to contribute your knowledge and expertise as we form these teams!

This years BOOM Sailing School will run from August 8-12. The adult class is already half full and the children's class is beginning to fill nicely. Please act soon if

you wish to register a family member in the programme as space is limited and last year we were in the sad position of having to turn away members.

The Executive is presently looking at replacing the BBQs on the deck with a commercial heavy duty unit that will better serve our needs for this year and the increased demands for 2012 and 2013. The machine we are presently looking at, while pricy, is warranted for the next ten years and can be augmented in the future with new add-on modules. Purchase of this equipment will be discussed and voted on at the next Executive meeting.

Finally, just a reminder that the next Executive Meeting is March 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. All members are welcome to attend!



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Welcome to the Mainsheet's new look and feel for 2011. After a couple of attempts using HTML files for our newsletter, we are now leveraging MS Publisher which I feel will once again give our newsletter the fresh new look it once had!

Please let me know if you have any content that you would like us to consider for future publication in our newsletter. You can contact me at newsltr@mississaugasailingclub.com



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Treasurer's Report by Ron Williams

If you were at the AGM on January 29th, you know that our financial results for last season (Nov 1 to Oct 31) were very good. The payments for this membership season have come in very quickly and I am pleased to report that we have only 6 Senior members that have not paid as of the AGM. Thank you for getting your payments in on time. The number of members that have paid using our credit card payment system on the web page has increased. We pay approximately 3% service charge to the credit card transaction company but I feel this cost is justified if it gives the members a more convenient way to make a payment.

This season looks to be very active and with our new Social Officer we

once again should see a good offering of social events for both sailors and their family. The executive committee continues to look at long term major improvements and upgrades that could be made to improve our club house and the facilities around the club. Any expenditure over \$5000 before taxes is subject to general membership approval so when the executive has worked out all the details of any improvement or upgrade, the general membership will be notified.

We do know that some of our racing marks will need to be replaced this year and I am sure we will see a few changes to our current committee boats. Keeping our boats in good operating condition and ensuring they meet the ever

changing safety standards, is imperative.

Club house maintenance and maintaining the equipment at the club is always a big item for the volunteer work hours. Be sure to speak with Glen Storey, Facility Officer and find out how you can do your work hours and help the executive control expenses by not having to hire outside contractors to do basic repairs.



Cruising For a Bruising in 2011 by Anthony Faga

Cruising by boat is a lifestyle that involves living for an extended time on a boat and traveling from destination to destination. These trips generally range from a few days and can extend to around the world voyages. I am super excited about the cruise nights that MSC will host and hope that there is just as much interest as cruises from the past couple of years.

The idea of cruising for a weekend trips fascinates me. I think it has something to do with the fact that for the last 18 years, I lugged my canoe through portages and paddled across lakes and white water all over Ontario and Quebec. Making stops along the way and camping in a tent night

after night. Cruising to me offers a little more comfort than portaging and I hope that at one point in my life, I get to cruise some of the Ontario Lakes.

With that said, I am interested in understanding if anyone would be interested in a off-site MSC cruise that would consist of cruising to an island on Georgian Bay and spending the night in a tent. I have never done this but willing to look into what is would take to make something like this happen for interested MSC members. Email me if this is something that you would like to participate in.



Getting Relief from the Winter Blues by Anthony Faga

I'm thinking about being on the water all year. Fortunately during my 1st ever holiday vacation in December, I got a chance to get on the water everyday. But that isn't always the case and if you're like me, you look forward to the Boat Show in January to get you thinking about sailing. January has come and gone but on Feb 5th, the MSC Sailor Gatherings kicked off.

Join your fellow club members for a breakfast buffet from 9am-9:50am followed by a guest speaker. Topics include the basics of sailing, Sail Design, Weather Forecasting, Cruising, Sail Trim or take the VHF Radio Course to get your license.

Log on to www.mississaugasailingclub.com and check out the MSC Calendar for future Sailor Gatherings.



Facilities Update by Glen Storey

Previously to becoming your membership officer in May 2010, I was the Clubhouse monitor I worked closely with Norm in Facilities and hope to put together another team of individuals that will work as hard as his team did to make MSC one of the best run Clubs in the area!

For those of you that are looking for volunteer hours, one of the first tasks for spring will include the repairing and launching of the docks. They are scheduled to be launched May 14th rain or shine. Some of the members who are experienced at doing this have already approached me to put their names on the list. On this same day we will be cleaning up the compound ensuring that it is organized. If you are interested please contact me ASAP as spots are limited and on a first come first serve basis.

We are still in the process of looking for someone to take on the Clubhouse Monitor. This is a great opportunity for someone to earn volunteer hours and is ideal for someone who can come down to the club after a weekend to check on the clubhouse. There is a notice on the bulletin board outlining what the job entails.

We now have a small air compressor with some basic air tools in the internal garage. This will be good for repair-

ing trailer wheels etc. We seem to have an ongoing problem with people not cleaning up after themselves. This is a problem in the workshop and in the Clubhouse kitchen. We are asking all members to take the time to clean up after they are through their repairs or cooking and leave all areas tidy for others.

As previously communicated in the past newsletter, we asked all members to remove their outboard motors from the garage and use a dock box to store the motor. This was implemented to accommodate a 2nd Zodiac that was donated to the club and also keeping gas leakage away from a drainage ditch that is in the area.

DOCK BOX GUIDELINES:

- Must fit under or directly against the transom of your boat
- Must be kept away from the fence
- Must be made of plastic and be leak proof
- Must be of a neutral colour
- Must be small enough to allow one foot of space from the lines that define your storage space
- Should be lockable and must be labelled with your name

Below is an example of a Rubbermaid box one that can be purchased at retailers across Canada. Prices start at \$99.99



I thank the many members that contributed their time in assisting facilities last year and hope to have their continuing support this year.

Social Update by John Hemingway

As you may read or heard, myself and Georgette have taken on the Social Director role. We are hoping to continue the very successful program instituted by Cheryl Hughes as a basis.

The executive team have already discussed possible events for the upcoming season. The first event will be a Spring Fling at the clubhouse and tentatively the week-end after docks are in. The format will be pot luck supper for all club members and their families with games and/or quizzes.

More detailed information to be provided in the near future.

Future events will include the Sailpast and a fall Halloween party. Also under considerations are movie nights, a social night at PCYC including buffet, a bowling or pub night.

If any club members have other suggestions, or wish to help out during these social events please email me directly.



2007 Halloween photo of Frank Prices's kids with Scott Caple in front of his wooden Wayfarer.

Racing Update by David Wyhman

I would like to thank everyone who completed the racing survey; it will be helpful in shaping the program to better meet the needs of our sailors. A significant number of respondents indicated that the most important aspects were the social and education opportunities the program should provide. This will be focus of the program in 2011.

The first three weekend race days will form a practice series which will focus on the basics of racing. The most important rules, starts/finishes and mark roundings. Each day will begin with a 1/2 hour shore session, followed by several hours on the water. Expect to get in 10-15 mini races

(not a misprint). Then a quick debrief when we come in. There will be more information on this to come.

We will be running Sunday races until the end of June, then take a break until late August. Expect the final race of the year to have a Turkey bonus. The Thursday races will run as usual and there will be a few regattas in there as will. The full race calendar will be coming out by mid-March, we'll need everyone to sign up for Race Committee duty and dinner duty. Remember these count towards your work hours and also give you a whole different vantage point as to how racing works.

I hope to see you all out there on the racecourse this year.



Membership Update by Franz Bauer

After being a member of the Club for 9 months, I was elected to the position of Membership Officer at the AGM meeting on January 29, 2011 taking over the position from Glen Storey.

Since then it has been a bit of a mad scramble to get all the membership renewal letters out to members and getting familiarized with the membership data base. There were 3 problems encountered with this year's mail out.

1. Only half the work hour cards were printed with the members names. Therefore, we had to issue blank work hour cards. We would appreciate it if you would print your name and membership number on the cards.

2. After having printed out the senior membership renewal letters it was notice that 11 of the senior members didn't have their pin numbers. The problem has been resolved with the data base but we are missing these numbers from the data base. I will be contacting these individually for their pin numbers. If for some reason, I don't receive a reply I will be reissuing new pin numbers.

Please note, if this is the case your old pin number will no long work and set off the Club's security system.

3. At the time of the mail out, the 2011 validation stickers were not available. The graphics have been sent to the printer and hopefully they should be available by the next Sailor's gathering. If you can't make it to the Sailor's Gatherings, the validation stickers will be kept in the Club's office with a sign off sheet. When you drop by ask any Club Executive for your sticker.



To date, we have a total of 101 members, of which 83 are senior members and 18 crew members. We have a few

members that switched from senior to crew and vice versa. So far this year, we have added 1 new member to the Club. His name is Sergey Strakhov and he brings with him a Hobie Cat F18 catamaran. When you see him please give him a warm welcome, he also brings to the Club a much needed skill set.

One of the projects I would like to look into this year is to setup an interactive membership application form that can be filled in on line on our website and submitted electronically for approval. Secondly, I would also like to see made available to members is an interactive information update form system.

If you have any questions regarding membership or great ideas, please feel free to contact me.

The Matthew by Beth Ruch

On May 2, 1497 John Cabot (Giovanni Caboto) left Bristol, England with a crew of 20 to sail west in search of a new route to the Far East for spices. After six weeks of sailing New-Founde-land was sighted from aboard ship. Cabot shouted "Buena Vista" or "Oh Good Sight" as he approached what is now Cape



Bonavista on Newfoundland's east coast. An unexpected reward was when Cabot had baskets lowered into the water & discovered they would fill up with codfish. (Oh, how times have changed!)

For the 500th anniversary of Cabot's discovery of the New World a full scale replica of The Matthew was built & rigged in Bonavista by local shipwrights & carpenters. The Matthew is a 15th century caravel, 92 ft., 3-1/4" long with a 6 ft. draft to permit exploration in shallow waters but still be sturdy enough for ocean sailing. It has a beam of 18ft., 3" & 30,000 ft. of ropes (lines) & 2,500 ft. of sail. The ship was started on June 13, 1997. After it's completion a building was started in July 1999 to house the ship in dry dock during the winters & also to act as a museum & interpretive centre for visitors. During the fall the 3 ton boat bay doors are opened & "The Matthew" is floated inside where it is lifted out of the water by four hydraulic jacks – masts & all. A very impressive "boat house"!

It was an interesting visit to "The Matthew". I have visited tall ships before but usually they are 100 – 200 years old. Not the

over 500 year old design of "The Matthew". Some different items were apparent while exploring the ship. The wheel could be handled by one man on deck in good seas but when the weather was difficult they used a tiller below decks which required 6 to 7 men who were lashed to the interior of the boat to help them keep their balance. Following seas could enter the boat through the tiller opening in the stern to the rudder outside. Therefore the men would be cold & wet with the heavy task of steering the boat through inclement seas.

Above deck one of the things that caught my eye was the "trucks" which were made of wooden balls on a rope ring to allow the sail to be raised or lowered on the masts. It reminded me of those wooden ball car seat covers that were all the rage a number of years ago. Newer tall ships (100 – 200 years old) usually have metal rings allowing the sail to go up or down, but 500 years ago the most available resource was wood & rope.

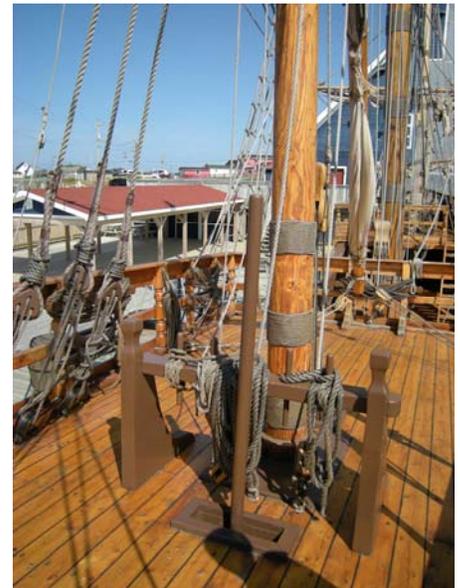
We should be thankful for the amenities on our modern day cruises. The tour guide explained that the men would grab some sleep on anything that would get them off the wet wooden floor. Therefore they would use coils of ropes, sacks of food from the stores – anything they could be used as a mattress that was above that wet floor. Rats were abundant & sometimes became pets. I can very much understand the comment "Buena Vista" upon arriving on land after 6 weeks of those conditions.

While looking into the captain's quarters (a very small room!) there was a mannequin dressed as Cabot standing looking at his charts. Because we were looking at his side & back the only "flesh" we could see was the lower part of his arm & his hand. But oh so life-like! I commented to Herb that it looked like real skin, fingernails, hair on the back of the hands. It was

really amazing. It did have the appearance of looking at a real human being. Then below decks there was a sailor mannequin sleeping on bags & pieces of wood with his attendant pet rat. Once again a very amazing realistic sight.

One other thing which impressed me was how open the harbour at Bonavista was to the Atlantic Ocean. Fishing boats & recreational boats are tied up in the harbour but we were there on a calm day. I can't imagine that there is much protection from the elements in a storm but sailors have tied up in this harbour for over 500 years so it must be OK.

All in all we had a wonderful vacation in beautiful & friendly Newfoundland. I highly recommend it! If you want to know more on "The Matthew" visit www.matthewlegacy.com.



March 2011



MSC Classified Ads



2009 HOBIE WAVE CATAMARAN FOR SALE - Mint Condition - Loaded

Galvanised Trailer with Spare Wheel, Spare Wheel Mount, Winch Post and Winch Jib and Jib Spreader Pole
Mainsail with Zipper Reef Upgrade
Mainsheet Traveller
Mainsheet Overboard Preventer
Outboard Motor Mount (sorry, no outboard motor)
Trapeze (no trapeze harness)
Telescopic Aluminium Hiking Stick
Custom Hobie Cover
Two-Piece Mast
Hobie Mast Cradles
Davis Telescopic Paddle/Boat Hook
Original Hobie Wave Owners Package

New Cost \$9,500 + tax
Asking \$7,500 or near offer

John Hemingway
905-278-9830

SR 21 Max #172 For Sale

Great racer, comfortable day sailor. In great condition. Stable and comfortable with 400 lb retractable lead keel. One of 6 at Missis-sauga Sailing Club (one more at PCYC), so great class racing locally.

Included:

1. ALL new Harken hardware (Carbo & Rachamatic blocks) & rebuilt windward sheeting car (2009)
2. New Stripped Samson Warpspeed Hal-yards and new Sheaves (2009)
3. All new sheets and control lines (2008)
4. Galvanized "Performance" road trailer
5. Trailer raised and tongue extended to allow launch and retrieval with rudder at-tached (2009)
6. UK Dacron Main, very good condition

7. UK Dacron Storm Jib (80%) very good condition
 8. UK Dacron #3 Jib (100%) very good con-dition
 9. 2 Mylar #1 Jibs (practice only)
 10. UK practice spinnaker
 11. Quantum racing spinnaker (2009)
 12. Quantum aramid/mylar racing main (2009)
 13. 2.5 hp Tohatsu longshaft outboard mo-tor
 14. Sail cover, rudder cover, and road trailer skirt included
- Boat was only sailed once in 2010
- Asking \$11,000. Optional nearly new Tack-Tic

"Racemaster" system (wireless speed, depth, wind speed, optional GPS and true wind speed) available as an extra.

Please contact: bjug@rogers.com or 416 894 2584 if interested.

MK II 14ft Zodiac & 20HP Evinrude

-1997 Zodiac MK II 13'9 length, 6ft beam, 4 separate air chambers,

-1997 20HP 2 stroke Evinrude (has less than 25 hours) tiller, manual start, (stored indoors over winter) and has stabilizer fin to force the boat to plane at low speeds. Motor inspected every season and gear oil changed.

-18" pontoons with soft, inflatable keel and hard interlocking floor panels. This is the real McCoy, Zodiac brand boat and not a lightweight beach toy. Super tough Hyphal-on composite rubber material. Boat has been used three times a year over the last 5 years and was just sitting in my base-ment. Boat is designed to handle a 40HP. I purchased this boat and engine new in the year 1997. It has been used for exploring lakes while on camping trips. It is a great boat that packs in two bags which fit easily

In any car or can be trailered. Boat has always been stored semi inflated in my basement over the winter along with motor. Has normal wear.

Includes:

- Zodiac Aluminum Frame Floor (upgrade)
- 2 adjustable front to back bench seats (this is an upgrade as it only comes with one) (\$225)
- custom made waterproof boat cover (paid \$500)
- 1 25L marine jerry can that connects to the motor
- 2 stowaway paddles
- 2 launch wheels (paid \$135 from Offshore Marine for wheels, \$75 to install hardware
- owner's manual for boat
- maintenance records from Offshore Marine
- manual pump to inflate boat

Replacement value of boat alone with no upgrades is around \$4300+tax but not in-cluding the motor. There is a lot of life left in this boat and the motor will run for an-other lifetime. Pick up only.

Asking \$2750 or near best offer

Call Anthony 905-286-9404 if interested

CL16 #983 For Sale

Very good condition. Would like to keep it in the MSC club, looking to move up to a slightly bigger boat.

Asking \$2500 or best offer.

Contact David McDougall
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