



THE MAINSHEET

M S C N E W S L E T T E R

Clubhouse Security

An important message about member responsibilities from the MSC Executive.

Page 2

Getting the Most from your MSC Membership

Norm Rippon's humorous perspective on getting the most from your MSC membership

Page 3

Members News

Get the latest on the coming's and goings around MSC

Page 5

The Racing Report

Check out the details of race related activities and upcoming plans for the racing crowd

Page 6

A NOTE FROM THE COMMODORE

Well...well. What a year it has been thus far!



*Commodore Mark Taylor
W7673*

We have had great participation at pretty much all of our events. Our Thursday and Sunday racing brought out many more boats than last year. Our CBOD regatta went extremely well. Movie night was well attended. Our first cruise to Lakeshore Yacht Club was eventful to say the least. And we have a slew of 'end-of year' racing and events coming up.

Our big Wayfarer/CL16 regatta is coming up September 16-17, and I would like to see all of our 14 Wayfarers and 12 CL16's on the start line for this regatta. We have confirmation that some of the best Wayfarer sailors and out of town CL16's will be coming as well, so it should be a great regatta. If you are a CL16/Wayfarer owner, then sail! If not, we will undoubtedly be looking for volunteers.

The following weekend we have our Moe Fraser Long Distance race which is always an interesting and exciting experience for everyone. We will be trying to defend our title this year and I expect some stiff competition from all of you.

With all of the great things happening here at MSC, I want to also mention that we have had a few safety-related incidents which were all avoidable. Here are 4 critical pieces of advice for everyone.

First and foremost, make sure you don't sail in conditions beyond your capabilities. It is OK to push your limits, but make sure it is done under controlled conditions with help standing by.

Secondly, make sure that your boat is seaworthy by doing a buoyancy test. If you haven't done one on your boat, do it. It is wrong to assume your boat will float during a capsizing, as one of our members found out the hard way.

Thirdly, know how to right your boat during a capsizing. I know many of you have never capsized your boats. You need to. Try it out at least in the harbour while the water is still warm. It is better to learn the right technique now than in a real emergency.

And finally a note to new members. The great majority of accidents and safety related incidents at our club occur with new members. Avoid the humbling experience. Read the above pieces of advice. Listen to the older wiser members of the club. We all have a lot to learn, and go forward with this in mind until you gain both experience and real confidence.



Have a safe and satisfying last month of sailing everyone, and hope to see you all on the start line!

THE MAINSHEET

Clubhouse Security

MSC Executive

LAST ONE OUT PLEASE LOCK UP!

On Sunday, August 6th, a Member arrived to find that one of the gates to the compound was wide open, no Member in sight. From time to time, other Members have arrived at the Club in the morning to find that the alarm had not been set by the previous user(s), the door to the deck not locked and lights have been left burning.

In an effort to maintain security the Executive has been diligent in restricting full access to the Clubhouse to paid-up Senior Members and in regularly changing security codes. Outside, stout locks and hardened chain are used to secure the compound and garage. When using the combination locks it is important to jumble the dial immediately on opening to avoid the number being read by passing strangers. All these precautions will be in vain if the alarm is not set or security codes are not used and kept confidential.

The last Senior Member to leave is expected to follow the procedures posted on the notice boards and published from time to time in the newsletter. This is a reminder that we should all be more vigilant. Don't be afraid to bring any lapse of security to the attention of other Members who may be forgetful – it's everyone's property that they're putting into jeopardy, not just their own.



Chicago's Mike Cone and crew (including MSC's Barry Conroy) took top honours in the SR-21 class at this year's C-BOD Regatta
Photo by Gord Leachman

When you are the last to leave the clubhouse, please take 2 or 3 minutes to check the following:

- Barbeque(s) OFF
- Patio furniture put away in the deck box
- Door to deck closed and locked
- Kitchen appliances turned off
- Kitchen cleaned and garbage can emptied
- Close all windows and draw the blinds
- In heating season, press "Run Program" on the clubroom thermostat (resets to 13° C)
- Lights and overhead fans turned OFF
- Garage doors and compound gates CLOSED AND LOCKED
- ALARM TURNED ON



Help Wanted for the CL16/Wayfarer Regatta

On Sept. 16th-17th MSC is hosting the annual CL16/Wayfarer Regatta. I am looking for volunteers for all regatta duties. As this is an enjoyable and rewarding way to accumulate club volunteer hours, I am expecting a favourable response from our membership.

Specific duties for this event are as follows:

- Race Officer (1 both days), Race Officer Assistant/s (2 both days),
- Mark Boat Crew (2 both days), Safety Boat Crew (2 both days),
- Parking Enforcement (1 both days), Lunch Preparation Crew (6 both days),
- Food Purchase(1), Dinner Preparation Crew (4 Sat. only), Registration (2 Sat. only),
- Regatta Set-up and Take Down (2 both days), Scoring (1) both days



Please contact Scott Hansen with your availability and preferences; Home 905-465-3188, E-mail scott.hansen@bell.ca
Thanks in advance for your participation and support.

Scott Hansen



THE MAINSHEET

Getting the most from your MSC membership

Norm Rippon

I have been an active member of our Club in terms of service, but until now, in terms of being actually being seen on the water, I have been a relatively rare species. This summer, however, I began to fully realize and exploit the benefits of my membership. Please allow me to share my experiences and discoveries about how to enrich my time spent at MSC. As I explain at the end of the article, I went from being a “GHOST” to a “RAM” over a few short weeks.

Make sure your boat is the right fit for you!

As youth, I learned to sail in Albacores. For those of you who are younger than I, this is a round bottomed, 15 foot high performance racing dinghy. Tippy and fast, over-sailed and demanding, this is the perfect boat to teach young people the ropes. Several years ago, I inherited one, dragged it to Mississauga, and joined MSC.

I quickly discovered that while the Albacore hadn't changed, I had! The only thing we now had in common was that we were both round bottomed. I was no longer the trim youth who could leap from side to side, hold the mainsheet in my teeth, haul in the jib with my left hand, while adjusting the centerboard with my

other paw—all the while hurling imprecations to Neptune as spume and foam flew by.

Quickly, I discovered that while I loved sailing, I hated my boat. After an initial spate of forced enthusiasm, I stopped sailing the Albacore and elected to crew on other members' boats or vicariously sail by listening to the exploits of others. Maintenance of the Albacore was a chore to be avoided in the most creative manner. Why maintain a boat you don't really intend to sail?

I needed a bigger more sedate boat to fit a (much) bigger, more sedate person. Club members suggested I purchase Clarence Reid's “Labradoria,” a Tanzer Overnighter. Like me, the boat is wide beamed with a low centre of gravity. Upon viewing

it, I knew immediately that the boat and I were a match.

Clarence had maintained the boat well. I found her an easy sail. She is roomy and has a forgiving nature. I began to sail once again. Now, I take every opportunity to sail her at every opportunity and actually enjoy the time spent on renewing the gel coat and fiddling with the rigging. I take pride in the boat. (The Albacore, by the way, went to Ihor Pankiew's boys, who are now using the boat as it was meant to be.)

The point being made is that, if you don't like your boat, you won't sail it! If your boat is too fast, too big, too slow, too small, too challenging or not challenging enough, it is not the right fit for you. Take the initiative and change boats. To get the most out our Club, you need to sail and be able to enjoy it!



Norm Rippon's Beloved Tanzer Overnighter - "Labradoria"

THE MAINSHEET

Sample All of the Activities of the Club

Our Club offers a wide range of activities. In order to decide which ones you like and which “just aren’t your cup of tea” you need to sample each activity at least once. I am not particularly fond of racing, but when I entered my boat in its first race, I discovered things about my craft that I wouldn’t have unless I compared it with other craft sharing a similar course. (For example, Labradoria is wickedly fast sailing off the wind, but has great difficulty pointing up due to its small jib.) Racing also provides a definite social scene after and before the competition.

Cruising activities allow you to explore the coastline and to visit other clubs. There is more of a spirit of exploration rather than friendly competition. Only by participating in both at least a few times will you be able to decide whether you are a “racer,” a “cruiser” or a hybrid.

The winter “Sailors’ Gatherings” have steadily increased in popularity. I discovered that even topics I felt were esoteric and beyond my range of interest were actually quite worthwhile. (One must confess that the rich breakfasts provided by Rod’s crew were an incentive to brave the cold on those wintry Saturday mornings.) Now that I am sailing in many different environments and conditions, and am working on maintaining Labradoria, I wish I had attended more of the Sailors’ Gatherings such as “fiberglass repair workshop” or the “sail talk” by Triton Sails.

The social activities provide an excellent opportunity for you to meet other members in a “fun” environment and to involve all of your family members in the club. Activities range from “Movie

Nights,” theme parties, tall ship cruises, pot luck buffets. Greater minds than mine spend hours thinking up new social activities for club members.

The more ways you can enjoy the Club, whether it is by cruising, racing, learning, or partying, the richer your experience will be.

Get Your Work Hours Out of the Way

For some people, the fear of unattained work hours diminishes their enjoyment of the Club. It is better to work those hours off early in the season rather than leaving the effort until fall. By that time the Club’s activities are slowing and work opportunities shrink—leaving you frustrated and “holding the bag.”

Each member has his or her own method of knocking off the work hours. Some prefer to commit to a minor job that needs to be repeated often. Such tasks would be mowing or watering the lawn, weeding the boat park, washing the dock on a certain day each week, regularly contributing to the newsletter, etc.

Others bite off the work hours in big chunks! Some members will work the whole weekend at an event such as the club’s C-Bod, or CL16/Wayfarer Regatta’s, from dawn until dusk. This is a tiring, but effective way to earn the hours. Look for these events in the Club calendar and volunteer well in advance. A little pre-planning pays big dividends.

Still others join committees such as the social committee or the racing committee. If you choose this route, the chair of your committee will usually ask you to volunteer for a number of tasks over the sailing season. You

are saved from being creative in thinking about ways to earn the hours and are allowed to count committee meetings as volunteer hours. But you need to be available when needed, not when it is convenient for you.

Whichever method you choose, make a plan early in the year and stick to it.

In the next issue of Mainsheet, I’ll discuss how conquering the fear of the burglar alarm will allow you to use the Club during off-peak hours, how by discerning some of the unwritten rules of the Club you can enhance your own enjoyment of our facility, the importance of allotting sufficient time to enjoy your visits to our facility, and finally, how by simply talking to other Club members, a visit that may have started out as a chore can become an experience to be savored! Over the next month, I’ll be contacting the RAMs (Really Active Members) to plumb the secrets of their obvious satisfaction with the Club and will report back to you. In the meantime, be a RAM, not a GHOST (Gone Home—Only Sailed Twice!)

End of Part One



Thank-You!

To all MSC members (especially Norm Rippon, Dave Daniel, Gord Leachman, Iza Hansen and Rod McIvor) who have been submitting photographs and articles for the Mainsheet. Please keep them coming! Without your efforts, we would have nothing to print! We welcome electronic submissions to Heather Kline at newsltr@mississaugasailingclub.com or to hkline@cogeco.ca (addresses have been modified to deter spammers)

THE MAINSHEET

Member News

Welcome New Members!

- James Hand & wife Marianne (Hobbie 16)
- Brian Alexson & wife Catherine (Dart, that makes 2 at the Club)
- Mark Marchelewicz & wife Eva (RS Feve 12')
- Trisha Pang Crew Member & husband Lester. Trisha is new to sailing, and from the few times she has been out has enjoyed it very much.

Welcome to the club, we look forward to sailing with you!

New Boats

RARE BIRD . . . ER, BOAT

Roderick McIver

We are the Mississauga Sailing Club, so with almost no exception, our Compound is reserved for the storage of sailing craft.

When long-time Member, Graham Siverson, asked permission to store his canoe at the Club, the Executive, unwilling to create a precedent which might further limit space available in our crowded yard, was ready to regretfully decline his request. That is, until Graham revealed that his craft is that rarest of species, a Langford sailing canoe. For many years, Graham has faithfully maintained the appearance and seaworthiness of his craft, which boasts a removable mast and a yellow sail, purpose made by Hood.

On quiet days, when other sailing vessels are harbour-bound or forced to rely on their iron jenny, Graham can paddle along the shoreline yet take advantage of every favourable breeze to speed

his trip. Happy sailing (paddling), Graham.

p.s. Graham is wondering, if he put a sail on his bicycle, could he keep that in the yard too?

FIRST CRUISE OF 2006

Roderick McIver

A Mississauga Sailing Club tradition was revived on Saturday, July 29th, when eight Club boats sailed together to the Lakeshore Yacht Club for a potluck lunch. After overwhelming their Visitors' Dock we climbed ashore to visit their clubhouse and use their barbeque and patio for our well-deserved meal.

A rather lively return trip against rising wind and waves demonstrated the value of the support of the Club inflatable. The Wayfarer of Mike and Karen Collier suffered rudder failure and had to be rescued by Ian Baggerman and Bonnie Planchart in our Zodiac who towed them back to the Lakeshore Club from the bottom of someone's garden in Etobicoke. Later, Peter

Frost was plucked from the water off the Hydro dock after trying too hard to beat his way round the point. The well-practiced team of Rob and Ben Wierdsma towed his boat back to the Club as Peter kept abreast of the situation from our Clubhouse.

"We should do this more often" was the comment of several of the "survivors". Unfortunately the Corn Cruise, scheduled for Saturday, August 19th was cancelled due to the weather but the Club has allocated funds for a couple of cruises each year. Perhaps we will have better luck another time.

MSC Apparel Update

Iza Hansen

Our first order for the 2006 season is in. Paid orders are ready for pick up after a slight delay as some items were backordered. Members names have been placed with each order and left in the office. For those still needing to pay please leave a check for the treasurer made out to the

Mississauga Sailing Club with "apparel" on the front of your check. Orders will not be released until payment is made.

We had great interest so far and I hope this will be an on going success. For those of you who did not have the opportunity to purchase any apparel we may have a second order placed late in the fall (depend on interest and size of the second order since minimums need to be made). For those who did manage to take part, enjoy your new duds and thanks for the support!



It's a Canoe...it's a sailboat.....it's a Sailing Canoe!

Member Graham Siverson enjoying a break from paddling in his Langford Sailing Canoe

Photo by Bill Taylor

THE MAINSHEET



Racing Report

Scott Hansen



A lot has happened at MSC since the last "Main Sheet" was published. A spirited Spring Racing series has come to a close and the Summer Series is still being contested. Congratulations to Bruce Buckingham, Gary McIlroy and Tim McCullough along with their crews for placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively in the spring series.

Club racing continues at MSC and the windward leeward course layout seems to have received acceptance among regular racers. It has taken some time for me to realize all the advantages to this configuration. First; it is an easy layout for the race committee to set up and change as wind direction changes. Second; it allows for additional races to be held in a given

amount of time. Third; it prevents the parade of boats that occurs during the reaching legs of the triangle course, creating a more tactical 1st downwind leg.

CBOD

The Cross Border Open Design Regatta was a great success and MSC was well represented over two days of competition in three classes. A record six SR21s competed with Chicago's Mike Coan taking 1st place after trailing at the end of day one. Scott Hansen along with crew Iza Hansen and Marcus Dolman were able to hang on to 2nd place despite having their spinnaker halyard at the top of the mast since the 1st race on Sunday. Ken Wallingford from Ohio took the 3rd podium position with his new crew from Bronte. Tim McCullough and crew overcame mechanical problems to hang onto 4th position with Rod Anderson and Fred Sonnenberg respectively rounding out the fleet. Fred and crew clearly had the most fun for the weekend and were coached on effective foredeck crew communication by Iza Hansen. Please ask Bjug for details as this kind of complex language can not be published in the Main Sheet.

The Buccaneer class was contested by seven boats with Alabama's Rick

Scarborough taking the top spot, followed by Scott Laundry and Tony Wright. MSC was represented by Bruce Buckingham and Deborah Woods who placed fourth and Dave Daniel and Gary McIlroy who placed fifth.

In the CL16/Wayfarer class MSC's Paul Taylor teamed up with Denise Wong to take 2nd place in their Wayfarer. Steve Macklin of Belleville sailing a CL16 took 1st place and Colin Junkin of Coburg finished 3rd in his CL16. Dam that Portsmouth rating.

Thanks you to the all of the MSC volunteers who contributed there time and expertise to make this a highlight event at our club.

The Next Months

Two more regattas are scheduled for this year at our club. The CL16/Wayfarer Regatta will be held on September 16th and 17th. For this regatta I am soliciting volunteers for the following positions; Race Officer, Race Committee, Mark Boat, Safety Boat, Food Preparation and Service, Parking Control, and Set up/Clean up. The Moe Fraser Long Distance Memorial Race will take place on September 24th to round out the regatta season. I am looking for volunteers for safety and committee boat duties for this regatta as well.



THE MAINSHEET CALENDAR

AUGUST 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7p Executive Meeting	3 7p Racing	4	5
6 **No Scheduled Racing**	7 Civic Holiday	8	9	10 7p Racing	11	12
13 1p Racing	14	15	16 Newsletter Submission Deadline	17 7p Racing	18	19
20 1p Racing	21	22	23	24 7p Racing	25 Port Credit Boat Show	26 Port Credit Boat Show
27 Port Credit Boat Show 1p Racing	28	29	30 Newsletter Publication Date	31 6:30 p Racing		

SEPTEMBER 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 ** No Scheduled Racing**	4 Labour Day Holiday	5	6 7p Executive Meeting	7 6:30p Racing	8	9
10 1p Racing	11	12	13	14 6:30p Racing	15	16 CL16/Wayfarer Regatta
17 CL16/Wayfarer Regatta	18	19	20	21 6:30p Racing	22	23
24 Moe Fraser Long Distance Race	25	26	27	28 6:30p Racing	29	30

OCTOBER 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1p Racing	2	3	4 7p Executive Meeting	5 6:30p Racing	6	7
8 **No Scheduled Racing**	9 Thanksgiving Day	10 Newsletter Submission Deadline	11	12 6:30p Racing	13	14
15 1p Racing	16	17	18 Newsletter Publication Day	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Hallowe'en				