



THE MAINSHEET

Mississauga Sailing Club Newsletter - October 2011

Commodore's Comments by Norm Rippon

As the sailing year closes, I thought I'd like to remark upon some of the MSC projects that are dear to my heart. Once again, our annual sailing school was a great success! The children's programme filled completely by the end of July, while the adult programme, with its smaller enrolment and high demand, filled by late June.

Did you know that a number of the children in our sailing school are sponsored by a handful of MSC good Samaritans? These members, who prefer to be anonymous, make a donation that pays for a week of sailing instruction to four youngsters from outside of the Club. These apartment bound children would never otherwise have the opportunity to spend a week on the water. Typically, the children come from Corsair Public School and are selected by the principal or nominated by a teacher.

Word of the sponsorship programme is spreading. We are receiving offers now from people outside of our Club. I am anticipating that next year, with your help, we will be able to sponsor at least seven children. (Partner Films, the company that helped film a commercial for Garmin at our docks a few weeks ago, has been the first sponsor of the 2012 junior sail-

ing programme.) Two more new sponsors are lined up.

When we sponsor a youth for our programme, we are fulfilling our mandate from the City. We promote small boat sailing on the Mississauga waterfront, encourage sport and fitness, and reach out and interact with the community in which our Club is nestled. If you would like to participate in the sponsorship programme, either in full or in part, please contact me.

Members will no doubt notice the frames atop our building. These are for large canopies that we can use for shelter from sun or rain during the summer. These make the deck more user friendly, or as one member says, "less hostile" to those who wish to sit there. We also need more usable space for several of the large regattas we are hosting in 2012 and 2013.

We have three canopies that can shelter 85% of the deck. (Presently, we are using only two.) They come equipped with adjustable side curtains. The 40 participants of this years highly successful Moe Fraser were the first to benefit from the roof covering as they dined "al fresco."

The Executive has asked the Long Range Planning Committee to create a report regarding the acquisition of a

second safety boat. Incidentals such as shelter for the boat, equipment, and possible costs associated with such an acquisition would need to be addressed. As has been discussed at previous AGM's, the Club would apply to the Trillium Grant Programme for full funding of the project.

Our goal would be to have the Executive receive the report at the December meeting. If approved, the proposal would be put to the membership as a whole at the January Annual General Meeting. Given the timelines involved, we would probably not have the boat in our compound until 2013. This is why it is important to begin the process as soon as possible.

Thank you to all our members who have made this fall season of sailing such a success. I look forward to keeping in contact with you at the Sailors' Gatherings this winter!

Next Executive Meeting

November 28th, 7pm at the MSC Clubhouse.

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Treasurer's Report by Ron Williams

Volunteer and work hours are the back bone of our club. Without volunteers we would not have the racing, cruising or social events. As you all know all senior members are required to perform 20 work hours per membership season or pay \$15 per hour at the end of the season. The executive has voted to increase the value of the work hour from \$15 to \$25 per hour. This motion will be discussed and voted on at the AGM in January 2012. If approved it will take effect as of November 1, 2012.

The executive decided that the work being performed by the members, at the club is of a greater value than the current \$15/hr. We also did some research on outside storage and found that it was cheaper to be a senior members at MSC, pay the work hours and storage fees than it is to store a boat on a trailer at an public storage location. We have found over the past three years that a number of people have

enquired about "storing a boat at MSC" since it is less expensive than using a public storage facility. The numbers did not make sense. MSC offers a lot more to a senior or crew member than just "storage" and our volunteer work hours are a very large part of the social activity at MSC.

Our general finances at MSC are in very good shape. Our loan with the City of Mississauga has been paid in full. The executive has discussed and approved a number of repairs that have been required. As the club house gets older repairs come along more frequently. Additional improvements and upgrades to the club house will be needed in the near future. Working with the city, these upgrades will proceed and when needed expenditures exceed \$5000, they will be brought to the AGM for approval by the membership.

Our current membership year will end October 31, 2011. If you intend to resign your membership from MSC, I would ask that you remove your boat from the compound by October 31, send me an e-mail regarding your intention to not continue your membership and send me your signed work hour card. If you have not performed your work hours for this membership season, you will be required to pay the \$300 to cover the work hours, before you can resign in good standing. If you have any questions please contact me.



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Over Night Cruising in 2012 by Anthony Faga



This was my year. I spent more time sailing on the water this year than ever before although I have only been involved in the sport for three years now. Between day sailing on Georgian Bay, experiencing my first ever over night trip on Georgian Bay and crewing on a J105 this was indeed a great sailing season and I learned more about the sport this one year than I have in the last three.



Maybe its because of my love for exploring which I've done my fair share in my 20+ years of portaging with my canoe. But I truly enjoyed my time spent hopping around from island to island on Georgian Bay over the course of three days. So much so that I am thinking of planning an overnighter from Cedar Point .



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

I am thinking we can meet in the spring (possible sailors gathering topic?)to discuss this in greater detail, assign action items and build a plan for the summer.

With that said, I am interested in

Facilities Update by Glen Storey

We have made several improvements to our facilities this summer to support our continued efforts in improving the clubs facilities. Innocuous installations like a hose going to the roof top deck to help Dave Mathews maintain our new BBQ which has had a tremendous amount of use this season with Thursday racing, cruising nights and some of the great social events that we have had this year already!

The other installation we've been working on which came from a suggestion from Dave McDougall after the Web Cams were installed (thanks to Sergey Strakhov and Franz Bauer) that we have a wind indicator that was visible from the cameras. Due to the generos-



ity from Herb Ruch who was also thinking along the same lines, we now have a wind sock that is visible from the west facing cam; check it out on our web site!!

We have had to replace a couple of ageing pieces of lawn maintenance equipment this summer which should make the grass cutting teams job a lot easier. Thanks Graham and Aiden for doing a great job even with the old sub-standard machines!!

We finally got around to painting the lines in the compound before they completely disappear thanks to Jerry Bartonezz for doing that challenging job; but still have to refresh the numbers with the same line marking paint so they will last longer this time. We can use your painting talents to complete this job this fall.

The big news has to be our new roof top canopies, which if you've been to the

club lately are quite visible from the parking lot. These will be a great addition to the usefulness of our club space in that it will offer much needed shade and in the "unlikely" event of rain at our regattas we can still shelter and feed our participants.

On that note I'd just like to end with a cautionary note for those members that don't frequent the club to make sure that their boats are tied down properly, their tarps are not ripped and torn and abrading their neighbours boat and that your tires are in good repair.



There are only a few items left in Facilities job jar for work hours this year so get in touch if you're interested.

Racing Update by Dave Whyman

As the song says, "Blame it on the rain!"... Poor conditions once again conspired against us, causing a number of event cancellations. Luckily at the end of the season we managed to pull off two good races in decent conditions, the Wayfarer/CL16 regatta and the Moe Fraser race.

In the Wayfarer/CL16 regatta, 10 competitors managed to get in 7 races over the two day event with predominantly easterly winds and about a 4 foot swell. Sue Pilling and her crew Steph Romaniuk from Parry Sound won the regatta. Gary MacIlroy from our club was most improved.

During the Moe Fraser long distance race we had light winds out of the south, but they were enough to sustain us and keep the fleet 15 boats moving along. An outstanding steak dinner was served afterwards. I would like to thank Bruce Buckingham for stepping in at the last minute and running this race, he did a superb job.



Our final race of the year, the Turkey

Trot, ran despite cold weather and rain and was won by Rob Wierdsma and his son Daniel. The 4 boats that did race brave strong northerly winds, waves from the east and 5 degree air temperature. Everyone made it back in one piece and learned a little about how hard they could push themselves and their boats. Because of the number of boats entered, everyone got a prize!

Throughout the year it has been a struggle to get member to commit their work hours to these events. I would like to thank the few members who did help out with race committee, cooking, and various other duties, particularly at the regattas. Without you they could not happen. Next year we will be looking for an even larger commitment from the membership. With the multiclass LSSA regatta and the Wayfarer North Americans both being run by our club next summer, the workload will be immense.

At the end of every season there are always a number of members looking to finish off their work hours and there aren't many jobs left to do. Going forward it is my hope that the executive will explore ways of getting people out early and often and ensure that jobs are filled well in advance of the events. Member apathy

has begun to hit the bottom line. If the club wishes to continue to run these events and does not have member commitment then either the quality of the events will deteriorate or we must seek other methods of funding them. The same goes with general maintenance tasks around the club, if the membership doesn't contribute, fees will go up. Such is the nature of self-help club.



With that I must announce the end of my brief tenure as racing officer. I have observed a noticeable shift in the past year, people less interested in racing and more interested in training and cruising. My hope is that a new sailing officer may get an early start on the 2012 season and build a new program which will complement this shift and re-invigorate the overall sailing program at the club.

Membership Update by Franz Bauer

Wow, another year of sailing fun has come and gone. A little bit too fast for a lot of us avid sailors.

Since the beginning of the Club's fiscal year of November 1, 2010, we have welcomed ten new members to the Club.



Recently, we have had two members resign from the Club. They are Bill Blight and John Hemingway. Bill has decided to move on to keel boat sailing and has his Wayfarer up for sale. So, anyone interested in or knows someone who is looking for a sailboat Bill's the person to contact. John after many years of dedicated service to the Club and being the Club's Social Director for the past year has decided to take it easy for medical reasons. We all wish them both well.

David Whyman our Sail Officer has decide to resign his position on the Executive due to a growing family and increased responsibilities at his work. We owe David a great big thank you for the hard work he put into

organizing all of this year's sailing events.

If there is anyone interested in volunteering for the positions of Social Director and Sail Officer please let us know. Remember as part of the Executive you don't have to worry about "Work Hour Cards". After a year as "Membership Officer", I now know why!!!!

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

Our First MSC Turkey Trot by Rod McIver

A keen group of sailors was gathered at the MSC Clubhouse on the afternoon of Sunday, Oct 2nd for the first annual Turkey Trot but a stiff breeze from the north and surging and breaking waves from the south-east discouraged all but four boats from venturing onto the water: the Wayfarer of the Wierdsma's, the CL16's of the Lorenzo's and the Gallant's, plus the red Hobie trimaran of Peter Rowe.

Because of the conditions, a very compact windward-leeward course was laid out, mostly within the harbour. The format for this event was a little different from the usual Club race - the *Le Mans* start called for in the race instructions meant that the crews were

sitting in the fully rigged boats at the dock, waiting for the skippers to run down from the Clubhouse at two minute intervals (those with the highest handicap first) and jump in for a flying start. Using some help from paddles, oars or other forms of manual propulsion, boats headed north into the wind for the first buoy, then on a full run past the Clubhouse to the second buoy heaving in the swells at the harbour mouth. These conditions proved very exhilarating for all competitors - and just too much so for the Lorenzo's, who were dumped into the water near the buoy, not far from the hovering committee boat. By fair means or foul, the other skippers returned to the floating dock and ran to the finishing line inside the Clubhouse.

After a time for recovery (of equipment and of sailors) prizes were awarded - a very special *ham* for the Lorenzos; frozen turkeys for competitors in the other three boats - Wierdsma's for first place, Peter Rowe for second and the Gallant's for a gallant try at third.

Everyone seems to have had a good time - hopefully the start of an MSC tradition.



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