



# Mississauga Sailing Club

LIFE IS GOOD BY THE LAKE

## Commodore's Thoughts

by Gary McIlroy

What an exciting year 2018 was. Many thanks to everyone who participated in all the different chores around our club. We are a small community/family and the success of our club is tied to your participation. We have seen a large increase in our social gatherings and the season was topped off with about 50 people coming to the Moe Frasier dinner. What a great time! Unfortunately the weather was not kind to the cruising crowd but I am sure it will be better next year. We have had phenomenal turnouts for the club racing series. I will not forget the 8 boats that showed up one night even though there was no wind.

We now have a great new website that combined with our Facebook page is going to help us continue to draw new members and interest to our Sailing Club. They also serve as a great communication tool for the membership. There were a number of fresh faces on the Executive this year that have brought a wealth of

knowledge, new ideas and enthusiasm to the Club. I am most proud of how everyone has kicked in to assist me wherever necessary. Thank you very much. Imagine 30+ people showing up with one week notice to help prepare the clubhouse and grounds for the upcoming work. Now that was a fun 4 hours.

Work has begun on the Clubhouse repairs but the time line to completion isn't perfectly clear at this point. We may have to put the Sailors' Gatherings on hold until we know the Clubhouse will be available or find an alternative site. Stay tuned.

I will be reaching out soon to talk with people about joining the Club Executive. If you are interested in serving, please let me know. Remember, we serve at the pleasure of the Membership. The following positions will be up for election: Commodore, Treasurer, Facilities, Membership, and Secretary.

There are two areas that I would like to focus on for 2019. The first will be the committee structure, with each executive member having a committee to work with. This will broaden member engagement, bring in new ideas and these committees could provide a path for members to join the Executive in the future.

My second focus will be to develop the fleets within the club by having the fleet captains more involved. People with the same kind of boats can share ideas, help out with sailing techniques and encourage greater participation in cruising and racing events.

We have a wonderful family and facility. Be sure to enjoy it with everyone else. Thanks again for a wonderful 2018!

Gary McIlroy

# Treasurer's Notes

by Neil Trevail

It was sad to see the passing of a great 2018 sailing season. There was so much fun on and off the water. My most memorable event was skipping Mike Schmidt's recently acquired 21' Cat, a boat that has a reputation for being stable. Well I quickly disproved that theory when a poorly executed jibe threw Mike far from the boat before it flipped. Having succumbed myself to the waters and swimming back towards the boat, I remembered the first sailing tip ever told to me - "never cleat the sheet!" Argh. But it wasn't capsizing that made the event memorable. It was what happened after that. No sooner had I grabbed onto the boat when I turned around to find Jill Haight and Daniel Schneider swimming to help, both having abandoned their skippers Dave Haight and Karen-Ann Xavier respectively. A few minutes later Thomas Fogh and his dog arrived on their zodiac to give that little extra nudge to finally bring the boat upright. The entire event reminded me how lucky we all are to have members and friends so willing to assist, with nothing but smiles on their faces. Rest assured I'm not as clumsy with our financials as my occasional actions on the water. Details will be shared at our AGM, but we largely operated within budget and the financial health of our club remains strong. Every one of you, through a combination of volunteer efforts, creative ideas and fiscal prudence, has made this



possible. It's a group effort. Thank you. When not on the water I hope you had a chance to visit our new and improved MSC Website. Among several improvements, you'll soon be able to easily renew your membership online for another exciting year! More details will follow shortly.

Yours truly....Neil

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP & STORAGE FEE

### How to Pay Membership & Storage Fees:

- Visit our [MCS Website](#)
- Click [Login] and enter your Username and Password.  
If this is your first time, click [Create an account] and follow the instructions
- Once logged in, go the [Membership](#) section
- Click the [MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL] button and complete all sections of the form
- Once complete you'll be re-directed for payment using either Paypal, Visa or Mastercard

### Outstanding Maintenance Hours:

- Please send a scanned copy of your proof-of-hours-worked to [Neil Trevail, MSC Treasurer](#)
- You will then receive an electronic invoice for any outstanding hours

### Notes:

- A full schedule of membership fees can be found on MSC's website under [Membership](#)
- Payments made after December 31, 2018 will be subject to a \$100 late payment fee

EACH BOAT OWNER MUST HAVE THIRD PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE OF NOT LESS THAN \$1,000,000 (MSC RECOMMENDS \$2,000,000)

QUESTIONS CONTACT

[Neil Trevail, MSC Treasurer](#)

# Member Officer's Report

by Franz Bauer



Sad to see the 2018 fun filled sailing season come to an end. There were so many successful regattas and social events that make the Mississauga Sailing Club the success that it is in the community.

As Membership Officer I often get asked about the membership composition - who's new and who's left the club. In the columns to the right, I've listed all the pertinent facts about our existing membership base as of year end 2018.

The other question I often get is how does our existing membership number compare with previous years? Well, 2012 & 2014 were our best years with 102 members. 2017 was our worst year with only 87 members. As you can see in the second column to the right our current membership count is 91.

So, membership growth is heading in the right direction and we are attracting individuals from all over the GTHA and southwestern Ontario.

Let's all hope for a wonderful and warm 2019 sailing season.

Franz

### New Members: (In order of appearance)

- Michael Schmidt      Hobie 21SC
- David Black            Enterprise
- Ben Durrer              Hobie 16
- Loraine Kratt            Sea Cadets
- Randy McMeekin        RS Aero
- Mark Dams              Hobie Islander Tri
- Rob Wierdsma          Wayfarer
- Pawel Brzeminski        Musto Skiff
- Mary Lousie Canning    Crew
- Greg Lemmon            Wayfarer
- Erik Sjonnesen          Senior
- Gilmar De Souza        CL16
- Michael Loo              Byte
- Donald MacKinnon        Bombardier Invitation
- Denis Svinukhov        Crew
- Sen Zhou                Crew
- Adnan Khan              Crew
- Antoni Fabicki            Crew
- Bernard Besseling        Hobie 14 Turbo

*Welcome to MSC!*

### Membership Count:

Crew	13
Honorary	4
Sea Cadets	1
Senior	73
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>

### Departing Members:

- Pawel Brzeminski
- Henry Furlott
- Stephen J. Griggs
- James Hand
- Yelin Hlaing
- Gordon Leachman
- James Mundell
- George Murray
- Martin Sibileau
- Deborah Woods

*You'll be missed!*

## ANNUAL MSC REGGATTAS



## CL16 / Wayfarer

Winners - David Hansman and David Richardson from North Bay, CL16 - Gary McIlroy - MSC



## Racing Officer Report

by Anne Pugh



## GOCATS Regatta

Winners - High fleet - Nicolas and Laurence Liebel - MSC, Low Fleet Karen-Ann Xavier and Daniel Schneider - MSC



## Moe Fraser Regatta

Winners - Leo and Joanne van Kampen from Conestoga Sailing Club

2018 was a good racing season despite some challenging, or lack thereof weather.

Main items of note were:

- 4 seasons completed, we lost some races due to weather - either too little or too much wind but the good news was I don't think we lost any races due to lack of volunteers for race duty. A big thank you to everyone who participated and especially thanks to everyone who did race duty. Without volunteers we don't race!
- We completed a total of 62 races
- Successfully organized 3 regattas, our GOCATS Regatta, the CL16 / Wayfarer and Moe Fraser - big, big thanks to the organizers and volunteers
- PCYC participation in the Thursday night series - one night we had 17 boats on the start line - wonderful to see so many boats out there
- We managed some training sessions but need to do more

- For 2019 - the sailing committee will be meeting to plan the season - in addition to the "normal" stuff other items on the agenda will be:
  - An open regatta for all mono hulls in addition to the CAT regatta
  - Organizing "Pro-Am" races for less experienced sailors to get out there and help them gain more confidence
  - More training sessions - including race officer training
  - Develop a personal handicap system

Looking forward to 2019

Anne

### RACING SURVEY

Last chance to put your comments forward - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8ZRJFBJ>. In the New Year we will publish the outcomes - "you said - we will do".

QUESTIONS  
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# Social Officer Report

by Angelo Petrolito

The 2018 sailing season was a wonderful way to spend some good times with so many of our members. At MSC we were able to make great events out of working events such as laying and removing docks, prepping the canopied terrace, prepping the club house for construction etc. We certainly know how to party.

Our Latin American night taught us how to Salsa; the Italian dinner how to eat like an Italian; our pot lucks how to celebrate our diversities.

Starting with our Sail Past and ending with the Moe Fraser it was great to make and share many good memories with so many new and old members. These folks manage to put a smile on everyone's face while lending a helping hand whether it's setting up for a party or dealing with the inevitable gear malfunction.

It's the finest tradition of our club, celebrating has been a way of recognizing those who preceded us. in making MSC what it is today and remembering those who have passed

away, yet left an indelible record in our club.

The weather was not the most propitious...however we did manage to have a good sailing season and those few glorious sailing days sure made it all worth: the sanding, cleaning, gear replacing, odd fall in the water.

It was a thrill to work with so many who give so much in making our club



great.

It is with great utility that I want to express my thanks to all of you for allowing me to help celebrate and have a hell of a good year.

Thank you

Angelo

## MSC EVENTS



### Italian Night



### Latin Night



### One of our many social gatherings on the roof

# Facilities Officer's Report

by Phil Zacarias

It was a moderately busy year for MSC's facilities group. We started off the year by initiating much needed repairs to the docks. This will become a repeating annual project in order to complete more repairs and to maintain the docks. We also installed new cushions on the bay side of the docks which were well received by most members of the club. Unfortunately, the cushions started to fail soon after installation resulting in all the remaining cushions having to be removed. We are already investigating how to modify the cushions inexpensively so that they will be more durable. The cushions will be reinstalled for the 2019 sailing season.

There was a very good response by the membership to the Commodore's "The Best Looking Bay" competition. This may become a recurring MSC theme.

In 2018 we were able to rely on many dedicated members for the various maintenance related projects around the club. I would like to mention in

particular the assistance rendered by Mr. John Elsebroek, who has really gone above and beyond in contributing to the maintenance of the club. So when you next see John, please give him a big pat on the back, although I think he would rather prefer a beer!

Thank you to all members who responded to the request to consolidate the boats in the yard due to the upcoming construction work around the MSC building.

Cheers,

Phil



# Secretary's Report

by Simi Ahluwalia

It's truly a privilege to have the opportunity to join the MSC Board of Directors as interim Secretary. Having now been in the role for a couple of months, I've been able to appreciate the fine work accomplished before me and familiarize myself with club policies and procedures.

A key role for the Secretary is to ensure appropriate governance of club documentation such as legal agreements, licenses, job descriptions and bylaws. As we continue to find opportunities to enrich our members' experience, it will be important for us to maintain such documentation to ensure appropriate communication to all stakeholders. In partnership with the executive team and club members, I look forward to identifying opportunities that drive our club forward and ensuring appropriate documentation is in place to maintain sustainability.

Your Secretary,  
Simi



# Communication Officer's Report

by Dave Black

With the final word in this newsletter I would like to thank all the members and executive of MSC for such a warm welcome to the club.

As I've mentioned previously in my monthly update emails, 2018 was my first year as a member of MSC and what a wonderful year it was. From the warm welcome during the winter social gatherings, help offered by various members ranging from simple tips (close the bailers before putting the boat in the water) to the incredible assistance offered raising and lowering my mast (tuning the rigging? who knew).

I'm so pleased to have discovered this little gem of the club, nestled on a picturesque point, with a sheltered bay for those of us just getting our feet wet (literally), with its amazing community of sailors.

Topping it all off is the opportunity to act as your Communications Officer. This first year was a bit of learn as you go for me in the role ("Sail Past" not "Sail Pass" - got it) but my plan is to see what I/we can do to improve not only member communications but raise the profile of the club in the region in 2019.

As Gary referenced in his opening

thoughts in this newsletter my plan is to establish a communications committee. This group can help me improve the information we share with members. This should include leveraging the new and improved MSC website

([mississaugasailingclub.com](http://mississaugasailingclub.com)), our existing social media channels including our Facebook page and reactivating our Twitter presence. If you want to assist with this or in any other way please let me know ([MSCDaveBlack@jooney.com](mailto:MSCDaveBlack@jooney.com)).

Enjoy the holidays, and I look forward to seeing everyone at the club soon. Dave

## Mississauga Sailing Club winter update

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### Board Position

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