HARBOUR CITY YACHT CLUB

HARBOUR LIGHTS

APRIL 2008

MEMBERSHIP

Help us to keep the cost of running your club down by sending us your renewal cheque BY APRIL 1, 2008, without having to be reminded. You have two options:

- Senior voting members - one cheque for $180.00 or three post-dated cheques for $60 each.
- Voting couples - one cheque for $270.00 or two post-dated cheques for $100 and one for $70.
- Cheques should be post-dated April 1, May 1 and June 1. After July 1, please add $20 late payment fee.

Please note the fees have increased this year as agreed by a unanimous membership vote at the Annual General Meeting.

Download your new membership application/renewal form from our website, or contact the Membership Director **Carolyn Callaghan** for a copy. Copies are also available from the T.I.M. office. Once we receive your cheque(s) your membership card will be left in an envelope at the HCYC clubhouse, or mailed to you in the event you are a non-T.I.M. boater. If you have ordered merchandise with your renewal, we will mail that to you with your card. Please note we have a supply of club burgees in stock, as well as embroidered cap and blazer badges, for purchase at very reasonable prices.

COUNCIL OF COMMODORES

HCYC is an active member of this group, which includes all the Commodores in the GTA and the Golden Horseshoe. It is an effective lobby group with the Toronto Port Authority and others who affect our boating activities.

Here's some items of interest from their latest Council, attended by Commodore **Nigel Napier-Andrews.**

- The 10 kph speed limit in the Inner Harbour will be strictly enforced. There will be no changes to the east airport buoys, but the ones on the west will be moved to enlarge the keep clear zone.
- **John Campbell,** CEO, Waterfront Toronto admits this is a land development organization, so the C. of C. will remain vigilant in regards to the interests of boaters. Condo plans which show finger docks and others calling for floating maple leaf shaped islands in the Inner Harbour are all "artists' impressions" and will apparently not ever be built.
- Discussions are ongoing and positive to give holders of the Toronto Harbour License a Pleasure Craft Operators Card without further testing, according to the Coast Guard.

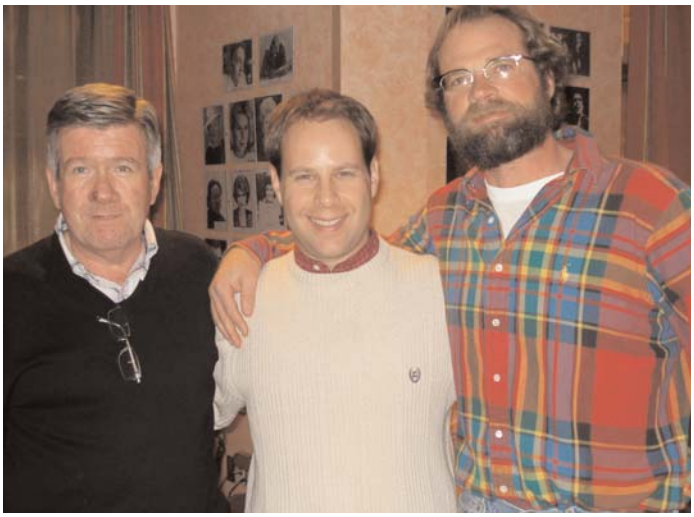
NEW YEAR'S DAY LEVÉE

January 1 was winter at its worst and most members sensibly cancelled plans to visit the club house on New Year's Day. A few hardy souls did make the trek including **Paul Peachey, Ralph Johnson, Liz Lytle, Derek Saint,** Vice-Commodore **John Darby, Doreen Green and Dennis Halfpenny,** Social Director **Nancy Kendrew** and Nigel. The good news was that the club house seemed to be holding up well and the agitators were working furiously.

MID-WINTER EVENT

Darren and Louise Laberee, who moor their houseboat at T.I.M., traditionally organize a mid-winter pub get together. This year they joined forces with HCYC for a joint event on Saturday, February 16, at The Celebrity Club, where Nigel is volunteer manager. In his invitation Darren wrote: As the leaky deck fitting of winter begrudgingly gives way to the blocked cockpit drains of spring, it is time once again to test the mettle of your liver and meet up with your fellow lushes for the annual HCYC and EOEYC (Every One Else Yacht Club) festivity. So one knew immediately what sort of a party it was going to be. Over 30 members and marina boaters and staff celebrated well into the evening. Darren, Nancy and John organized the food and Nigel and **Tracey LeGrand** did the duties behind the bar.

John is watched by Saleem while the crowd enjoys a drink.



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PRIVACY POLICY

Although the club does not have a published privacy policy, the Board is very aware of current requirements for organizations to be diligent in guarding the privacy of their members. For that reason, we have taken down the list of members from our web site, even though no personal information was listed. We will go back to creating a traditional members' directory and will make it available in a printable PDF form which will be emailed to members only. We will have a few printed copies for those who do not have access to email or printers.

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TROPHIES

The Club has a number of trophies whose original purpose is no longer relevant and have been retired. The remaining trophies will be awarded and energetically promoted to encourage club activities.

• **WIND GYPSY TROPHY**: donated by **Marcia Fraser** (formerly Pesonen), whose boat was *Wind Gypsy,* to be presented after Sailpast, to the skipper exhibiting best skills at the helm, as well as having a well turned out boat and crew. Awarded to **Saleem Kassum** *Highland Fling* 2007.

• **MATTHEW CHUDLOW TROPHY**: donated by **Matthew Chudlow** in 1993, for exceptional dedication to the club. It was awarded in 1993 to **Dwight Hamilton,** 1996 to **Mike Brooks,** and 1998 to **Anne Carey.** The recipient for 2007 will be unveiled at the Commodore's Reception on Saturday, June 14.

• **HCYC COMMODORE'S TROPHY**: presented by past Commodores **Jim Mosur** and **Don West** in 1976 for best overall for racing, last won by **Doug Morris** *The Tart* in 2000. The club plans to encourage racing activities this sailing season and this trophy will be awarded at the Annual General Meeting.

• **CANADA GOOSE**: donated by past Commodore **Stan Russel** in 1980 for a fun end of season race around the island. Last won by **Doug Morris** *The Tart* in 2000. We plan to award this for the last Get off the Dock fun race of 2008.

The following trophies were retired: *Shadav Cruising Trophy, The Founders Trophy and the Beginner's Trophy.*

The results from the survey on racing/cruising shows that the majority of you are more interested in cruising than racing. The interest in racing was so limited that we will investigate the option to have races during week ends. Stay tuned for further updates.

Interest in cruising has increased with requests for longer cruises, including in the USA.

CRUISING;

We have confirmed with:

1. Port Credit Yacht Club, May 31/June 1.
2. Dalhousie Yacht Club for the week end of July 4/5/6, as some of us may want to make this a 3 days weekend. PDYC has new docks on the west side of the river and that their dining room is now open.
3. Island Yacht Club, Wilson N.Y. July 25/26/27 This is a small club with only 10 slips, they will give us all the available slips, and I will make arrangements with other clubs or marina for our total requirements. There will be a marina fee if we cannot receive accommodation at other reciprocal clubs. The 4 clubs/marina in Wilson are all within 1500'.
4. Oakville Yacht Club August 9/10, which again coincide with the Oakville jazz festival.

As general information for people traveling to the USA by boat, car or plane we recommend that you look at obtaining a Nexus card which will facilitate your entry in the USA as there are now Nexus fast lines at the Canadian Airports, border bridges and easier access by boats. The fee is $50.00 per person for a five years period and free for children under the age of 18. The benefits of the Nexus card only applies to boats and vehicles where all passengers have their Nexus Card. For information and application call: 1-866-639-8726.

For Canadian boats of 30' or more in length, you must pre register your boat at a cost of $27.50 USD per year. For information call 1-317-298-1200.

If you have any questions or comments on our schedule, please contact me by email www.boatcava@sympatico.ca

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