



THE SEASON IS NEAR

Rear Commodore and Cruise Director **Jim Ivison** is busy organizing our sailing season and has four cruises scheduled, so please make a note of the following dates in your calendar. More details will follow closer to the date of each cruise.

Port Credit Yacht Club, Port Credit, Saturday and Sunday, May 30 and 31

Dalhousie Yacht Club, Port Dalhousie Friday, July 3 to Sunday, July 5
Wilson, New York (club and dates to be confirmed)

The Oakville Club, Oakville, Saturday, August 22 and Sunday, August 23

In addition **Jim** and Social Director **Tracey LeGrand** will be organizing two Get Off The Dock trips around the island followed by BBQs at the clubhouse, in addition to our other regular social activities, such as the season opener Sailpast and Commodore's Reception. Dates will be confirmed in the next edition of Harbour Lights.

Vice-Commodore **Elizabeth Lytle** will be organizing the annual Spring clean up of the clubhouse and surrounding area on Saturday, April 18. Members are reminded that according to the club's constitution, they are expected to offer at least one day's worth of volunteer effort a year, so this would be a great opportunity to work off that obligation to the community. Some of the clubhouse and grounds chores include: wash windows inside and out, doors and blinds; wash and sort cutlery drawers; sort and wash dishes, glasses, cups, plates, dishcloths, towels, cutting boards; clean out wood stove; vacuum carpet and cushions on chairs; clean fridge, microwave and freezer; clear leaves; clean BBQ and utensils; tidy the garden. If you think there's anything missing from the list, please tell **Liz** and also let her know if you are willing to volunteer.

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NEARER BUT NOT DEARER

This year, as we move the club to almost exclusively web communications, we are launching an interactive membership form, which you can fill in and return electronically. However, you will still have to send us your cheque by mail, or give it to any officer of the club at TIM. Dues remain unchanged this year at \$180 for a Senior Voting Member and \$270 for a Voting Couple. Please be proactive, complete your renewal form and send us one cheque by April 1, or three post-dated cheques payable April 1, May 1 and June 1. After July 1, please add a late payment fee of \$20.

NEW YEAR'S DAY LEVÉE

After a freezing forecast, New Year's Day 2009 turned out better than expected. Anxiety at the very slow coin-operated ticket dispenser city-side was alleviated when the ferry skipper kindly waited for all to board for the 1130 passage across the harbour to Ward's Island. (Note for 2010: bring change for the machine which doesn't accept plastic or notes!) A brisk 40 minute walk (less for those who biked) along well snow-ploughed paths to the clubhouse brought members to a nicely warmed-up clubhouse, where **Paul Peachey** and **Trish**, with **Euan Mowat** and **Laltonie Biggar** had met early with **Ralph Johnston** to get the place open and the wood stove fired up. Although one of the bubblers wasn't functioning, the other was going full tilt and the finger docks and club pontoons were relatively ice free.

Nearly two dozen members and friends showed up for the Commodore's New Year's Day Levée. All flag officers were present to welcome members: Commodore **John Darby**, Vice-



TIM winter resident Bella welcomes Commodore

Commodore **Liz Lytle**, Rear Commodore **Jim Ivison** and Immediate Past Commodore **Nigel Napier-Andrews**. Toasts were made to the Queen and the new Commodore, with ample supplies of refreshments on hand. Food was plentiful from smoked salmon, meats, and cheeses, to pies, cake and cookies to keep out the winter cold. **Brian Quigley** and **Renée Schembri** brought a large pot of delicious hot chilli. All the refreshments were generously brought to share.

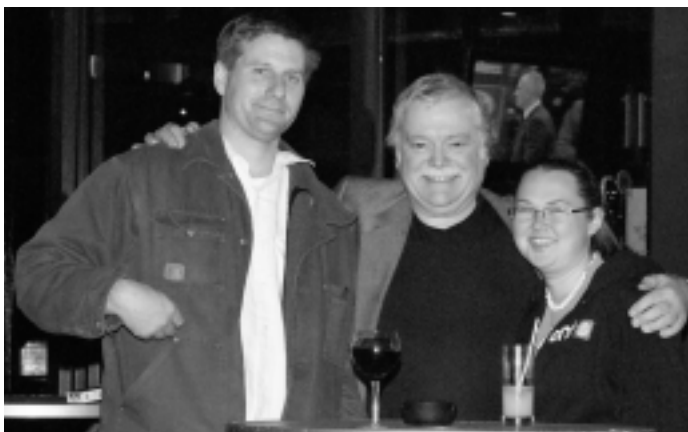
Some of the other members and marina boaters who made the trip: **Jan Coppen**, **Craig Forrest**, **Doreen Green** and **Dennis Halfpenny**, **Ted Kroell**, **Stephen Rupp** and **Alison Keith**, **Patricia Sadleir** and **Austin Whitten**, **Derek Saint**, and **Judith Schutz**.

FEBRUARY SOCIAL

HCYC members, marina boaters and staff enjoyed a mid-winter break at The Pilot Tavern in February. About 40 people attended the reunion organized by Social Director **Tracey LeGrand**. Member **Derek Saint**, who has connections with the pub, arranged for appetizing finger food and the cash bar was busy all night at the lively venue. Club flag officers were again all present to welcome members, as was director at large **Nancy Kendrew**. **Bill** and **Chris Lytle** accompanied **Liz**. **Anne** and **Archie Carey** and **Ralph Johnson**, three of our five Life Members, made the trek to mid-town. Marina boaters welcomed to the gathering included **Todd** and **Libby Fraser**, expecting their first child in May, **Brian Quigley** and **Ron Shaw**. **Bella Beezer**, who with **Doug**, is spending a second winter living at the marina, noted no damage to boats from the harsh weather, just before she rushed off to catch the last ferry back to Ward's Island. Staff seen were **Anthony Broeker**, **Jeff Maher** and summer bartender **Krystyn Evans**, daughter of member **Blaine Evans**, who was also present. Other members noted were **Chris Diamond** and his partner **Susan Hannan**, and **Andy Marvin**. **Gord Jennings** happily snapped away all night with his impressively equipped camera.



Todd and Nigel



Anthony, Derek and Krystyn

HARBOUR NOTES

If your Power Vessel Operator's Permit (PVOP) for the Port and Harbour of Toronto has expired, you can be environmentally friendly and renew electronically by going <https://www.toronto-port.com/payment/default.asp>. If you don't renew before March 13, you will receive a paper mailout from the Toronto Port Authority, **Michael Riehl**, Deputy Harbour Master and Manager of Customer Relations, tells us. Fee remains at \$15 annually.

He also reminds all boaters stay well clear of the Marine Exclusion Zone on the east and west sides of the Toronto City Centre Airport, marked with large white Keep Out markers. The fine for all boats (including canoes and kayaks) entering the Marine Exclusion Zone is up to \$10,000.

Finally, he asks boaters to please call the Harbour Hotline at 416.462.1261 if they see an oil spill or garbage that is a navigational hazard.

CRUISING NOTES

Warm thoughts for these freezing days with Spring just around the corner: Membership Director **Carolyn Callaghan** and **Derek Saint** have just returned from a windy week-long cruise in the British Virgin Islands; **Clive Smith** taught several sailing courses in the Caribbean and reported heavy winds and lumpy waters, but still warmer; and **Ross and Valerie Browning** continue cruising their way South after a layover with former Vice-Commodore **Claude and Vicki Alexander** in the Carolinas.

Now they are in Vero Beach on a mooring can about a mile from the dinghydock, where they've been for almost three weeks. The weather is finally fabulous after freezing in Georgia and North Florida. Incoming boats report a very so-so winter in the Bahama's and say they haven't really missed a thing. They plan to leave in about a week to make the crossing. Ross has been doing fairly extensive work on his Lehman engine, recommended factory upgrades and changes, not an actual break down. "Cruising is all about fixing your boat in exotic places," he concludes.



Carolyn at the helm in BVI