



HOT WEEKEND IN PT. DALHOUSIE

Four boats sailed to Dalhousie Yacht Club for our first long cruise of the season: *Ça Va*, **Claude and Vicki Alexander**, the other *Molly B*, **Greg Charron** and friends, who moor at OHM, *Sea Nomad*, **Jim Iverson** (single-handed), and *Peccavi*, **Nigel Napier-Andrews** (also single-handed). The wind was light and fickle on the sail over, so most resorted to the iron spinnaker on Friday, July 4. Saturday in Pt. Dalhousie was stinking hot, but the ambience of the village attractions was much enjoyed as well as the hospitality of the DYC club house. The winds on the return voyage on Sunday, July 6, were light at first, then non-existent, but finally picked up for the last couple of hours, so those who had the energy to raise their sails had a good fast run into the harbour and home.

SANTA SLEIGHS US

Christmas in July was a huge success as a joint venture between HCYC and T.I.M. on Saturday, July 19 on the Upper Deck. One hundred tickets were issued for the pot-luck dinner with three huge turkeys being roasted by chef **Darlene** with delicious results, and completely consumed by the throng of boaters and guests, who brought the rest of the goodies. Santa arrived on an electric bike pulled by a reindeer and distributed candies to all the boys and girls, young and old. In the boat decorating contest, *Ça Va*, **Claude and Vicki** won



Santa - you sleigh us!

the first prize, *Seaduction* **Gordon Jennings** placed second, *Kittiwake*, **Liz and Bill Lytle**, was third and *Solway*, **Todd and Libby Fraser**, was fourth. Honourable Mentions went to *Kara*, **Tracey LeGrand**, *Sea Nomad*, **Jim** and *Peccavi*, **Nigel**.

WARM WELCOME IN WILSON

Our second long cruise saw a disappointing turn out, again only four boats registering, although 14 returned our surveys in January indicating a preference for longer cruises, including U.S. destinations. On Friday, July 25 *Dab Hands*, **David Barkworth and Barbara Mellman**, *Peccavi*, **Nigel and Tracey**, *Highland Fling*, **Saleem Kassum** (single-handed) and *Ça Va*, **Claude and Vicki**,

made the trip to Wilson, NY, and the Island Yacht Club, which like HCYC is based in a marina. Friday night we enjoyed cocktails in the IYC pub and dinner at the Sunset Grille, housed in the old IYC clubhouse on the hill overlooking Tuscarora Harbour. Saturday the group gathered for wine and cheese on the deck of IYC. Sunday most headed home across the lake in light winds, while Nigel and Tracey sailed down to Olcott to listen to former marina boater and trumpeter Judge Jimmy Sansone and his band play in the restored lakeside park, and enjoy the facilities of the Olcott YC.



Sunset from the Island Yacht Club in Wilson, N.Y.



The Wilson cruisers, where else? In the bar!



Dark clouds hover at Oakville

WEATHER COOLS JAZZ

The cruise to The Oakville Club for the jazz weekend Saturday, August 9, was fraught with poor weather again. Ten boats booked but by the time the weekend weather forecast of rain and thunderstorms came around several had decided staying at the dock was the better choice. However, five boats braved Lake Ontario and made the trip there and back safely: *Dab Hands*, **David and Barbara**, *Mollie B*, **Greg**, *Ça Va*, **Claude and Vicki**, *Sea Nomad*, **Jim**, and *Come Across*, **Jewel Leheup-Graves and John Leheup's** beautifully restored Contessa 26. **Paul Peachy and Trish** came by road for dinner and the jazz, which was unfortunately washed out by torrential rain.

LAST CHANCE TO EARN A 2008 CRUISING PENNANT

The original cruise to PCYC was rescheduled due to inclement weather and we are setting out again for Port Credit on Saturday, September 6, returning on Sunday, September 7. Book now at

boatcava@sympatico.ca or harbourcityyc@gmail.com which you can reach by clicking on the "Contact us" button on our website, or speak to Cruise Director **Claude Alexander** directly any time.

NEW MEMBERS FOR 2008

Please welcome the following new members, approved by your Board throughout the summer: **Glen Bidwell**, *Life is Good*, Four Winns 38, TIM; **Greg Charron**, *Mollie B*, Catalina 35, MQW; **Colin and Joyce Harkness**, *Summer Girl*, Silverton 39, TIM; **Jim Ivison**, *Sea Nomad*, Bayfield 25, TIM; **Ken Kadonoff**, *C&C Again*, C&C 30, OHM; **Ted Kroell**, *Up to Here*, Matilda 19, TIM; **Eli Melnick**, *Seas the Day*, Hunter 33, OHM; **Michael Sharp**, *Ravello*, Hunter 38, OHM; **Robert Starr**, *Splash*, Sea Ray Sundancer 27, TIM; **Linda Stewart**, *Off Time*, Tanzer 7.5, TIM; **Allan Troster**, *No Worries*, Catalina 34, TIM; **Margaret Vermeersch**, *Muskrat Ramble*, CS 36, Bronte OH; and **Tai Young**, *Iona*, Niagara 35, TIM.

SPIRIT OF CANADA STILL NEEDS FUNDS

Derek Hatfield, who will race around the world in his Open 60 *Spirit of Canada* for the gruelling single-handed non-stop Vendée Globe, is still short \$300,000 and a title sponsor before he crosses the start line less than 90 days from now. He has received donations from 5,400 individuals and organizations, including HCYC, where Derek was a racing member in the early days. Many members of the club have been generous donors whose names appear on the boat's hull as part of the Around Together Crew. PCYC put on a magnificent event which raised \$30,000 (reported in the last edition of HL) and several other area yacht clubs have also held successful fundraisers. If you haven't contributed, or even if you have, go to www.spiritof-canada.net or mail a cheque (how about \$100?) to Spirit of Canada, PO Box 39506, Lake Shore Cawthra PO, Port Credit ON L5G 4S6 to support this heroic Canadian's sailing campaign.

MORE INFO TO NOTE

The last two dates on our calendar for the year are Saturday, October 4, Oktoberfest and Saturday, November 1, AGM. Details will follow by email and snail mail. You can always find an up-to-date schedule on our website as well as other articles of interest such as Flag Protocols, just published.



The deluge at Oakville brought some Mississippi colour to the river.