



# HARBOUR LIGHTS

December 2007

## COMING EVENTS

Join your sailing friends for good cheer at the HCYC clubhouse on Tuesday, January 1, 2008. First one to the clubhouse will light the fire and get the clubhouse warmed up. Remember the water will be off, so bring whatever liquids you'll need, BYOB for what you want to drink, and BYO snack for a pot luck feast.

For those who haven't joined us before, catch the 1130 ferry to Ward's Island and enjoy the 40 minute walk, or bring your bicycle, and return when you like. Ferries leave Ward's every quarter to the hour. It's also a good opportunity to check out your boat and cover. The joint boaters/club February Banish the Blues get-together will be held this year on Saturday, February 16, 2008 in The Celebrity Club, 110 The Esplanade, where the drinks are cheap and Nigel is the volunteer bartender. Doors open at 1900, cash bar, modest charge to cover refreshments.

## MORE DATES TO NOTE

Toronto International Boat Show January 12 - 20, 2008

Membership renewals due April 1, 2008 (download the renewal/application form from the web site)

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held in The Celebrity Club on Saturday, October 27, 2007. A couple of dozen members and their spouses and partners were present and a further six members voted by proxy. **Commodore Nigel Napier-Andrews** served as volunteer bartender so that all had refreshments for the meeting, before assuming the role of Chair. The meeting ran swiftly and efficiently through the reports, resolutions and voting, before members dispersed for dinner at several of the areas fine restaurants and pubs.

The Treasurer pointed out that annual dues had not been increased for several years and that the costs of running the club and building up a maintenance fund had substantially increased. He therefore proposed a modest increase of \$20.00 per annum, which was unanimously approved by the voting members present. The new fee schedule is posted on our web based renewal/application form.



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Procedural changes were proposed to the by-laws and approved. A complete set of the revised by-laws will be kept in a binder in the club house, or is available on request to the club Secretary.

The Commodore thanked the Board and outgoing directors **Catherine Wyss** and **Derek Saint** for their contributions and hard work during the past season.

The Vice-Commodore reported on the repairs and work on the club house and thanked those who had helped with the work including **Tracey LeGrand**, **Carolyn Callaghan**, **Andy Marvin**, who assisted with the exterior painting, **Blaine Evans**, who assisted with the re-install and upgrading of the power, and **Paul Peachey**, who assisted with many carpentry and electrical duties.

## FLAG OFFICERS

Your new Vice-Commodore is John Darby. John will fly a club burgee set on a dark green rectangle and will be responsible for all club house management and issues. Claude Alexander moves over to Rear Commodore (flying a burgee on a red rectangle), and takes on responsibility for all sailing activities, including "Get off the dock" sails and the four annual club cruises. Nigel Napier-Andrews (flying a burgee on a yellow rectangle) is now in the second half of his two-year term as Commodore. **Neill Holloway** remains as Immediate Past Commodore (flying a burgee on a pale blue rectangle, as do other Past Commodores).

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Doug Shrigley has agreed to remain as our Treasurer, as have Membership Director **Carolyn Callaghan** and Social Director **Nancy Kendrew**. Joining the Board as Communications Director is **David Barkworth** (*Dab Hands*), who will be responsible for our communications with members, predominantly through our website and our pages on the LOCCA website. Our other new Board member **Saleem Kassum** (*Highland Fling*) has agreed to serve as club Secretary, a key role responsible for arrangements with reciprocal clubs and Board communications.

## CRUISING AWARDS

In 2007 the club organized cruises to Cathedral Bluffs Y.C., Dalhousie Y.C., The Oakville Club and Port Credit Y.C. This year's cruising burgee is pale green with the HCYC crest and a single black chevron and was awarded to 13 boats at the AGM, as follows: *Akiya*, **Catherine Wyss**; *Ça Va*, **Claude and Vicki Alexander**; *Cappamara*, **Neill Holloway**; *Cryptic Crossing*, **Jewel Graves and Jon Leheup**; *Dab Hands*, **David Barkworth and Barbara Mellman**; *Elusive I*, **Alan Weisbrod**; *Exuberant I*, **Ron and Ricki Goodlin**; *Impulse*, **Wayne and Eva Gooderham**; *Magic Flute*, **Doug Shrigley and Sam Dang**; *Mystic I*, **Ross and Valerie Browning**; *Naval Orange*, **Jann Coppen**; *Peccavi*, **Nigel Napier-Andrews**; *Vital Spark*, **Chris Diamond and Susan Hannan**.

## BY-LAWS

Two existing by-laws that will be enforced more stringently in the future are:

- 4.6 Non-resident Member: a person who is a former Senior or Voting Member in good standing whose principal residence is located at least 80 kilometres (50 miles) from the Greater Toronto Area and who has applied for this membership category.

This category of membership has been used to allow new members from non-GTA marinas and ports and while we will happily grandfather all those existing members in this category, the Board will not approve any future similar memberships.

- 7.6 A spouse or dependent minor of a Voting Member shall have the privileges of the club facilities and be able to enjoy crewing and racing, but boat registration will be in the voting member's name. Guests will enjoy the privileges of the club only when in the company of a member.

Members are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure appropriate use of the club house and the member **MUST** be present when their guests or families are using the club house.

A complete copy of the current by-laws is available in a binder in the club house.

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

Members are also reminded of the following, which appears in the By-Laws Addenda:

As a self-help club, members are expected to volunteer at least one day per season to club business, including but not limited to social activities, the Officer of the Day program, spring and winter clean up, clubhouse maintenance etc.



*The Port Dahousie Cruise 2007*

## UPGRADING YOUR NAVIGATION SKILLS

**Clive Smith** is offering some excellent navigation courses at Queen's Quay Yachting in Harbourfront this winter. Call him at 416.203.3000 for details. Clive is not just a member, but as QQY's chief instructor, has taught many of our members beginner, intermediate and advanced cruising skills and offers one week courses and fun cruises in the Caribbean in February each year.

**Samantha Glass**, program director at the National Yacht Club is also offering several navigation courses in January and February. Call her at 416.260.8686 ext 27 for more details.



*Sunset at Fifty Point*