



# HARBOUR LIGHTS

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## NEW BOARD ELECTED

With 19 voting members present (and 17 proxies in hand) HCYC's 34th Annual General Meeting moved briskly through the business at hand, under the Chairmanship of outgoing Commodore Nigel Napier-Andrews. He commented on the club's achievements during his two-year term of office, including the building of the new bridge, the exterior renovations and the new visitor docks, and thanked the many members whose efforts went into the work. In the absence of Rear Commodore Claude Alexander, he added that the cruising season had not been as well attended as in past years, due largely to inclement weather. Cruising flags were awarded to 10 boats: *Ça Va*, **Claude and Vicki Alexander**; *Come Across*, **Jewel Leheup-Graves**; *Dab Hands*, **David Barkworth**; *Discovery II*, **Patricia Sadleir**; *Elusive 1*, **Alan Weisbrod**; *Exuberant 1*, **Ron Goodlin**; *Highland Fling*, **Saleem Kassum**; *Molly B*, **Greg Charron**; *Peccavi*, **Nigel Napier-Andrews**; and *Sea Nomad*, **Jim Ivison**. Flags will be mailed or held for those not present.

Vice-Commodore **John Darby** reported on further improvements to our property including the new windows donated by **Jon LeHeup**, new decking, a new satellite TV dish, a new freezer, and new wiring and motion detector lights. The challenge for the next season, he said, would be renovating and redecorating the interior. Among many who had helped he singled out **Blaine Evans** and **Paul Peachey** for particular thanks. In the absence of Social Director **Nancy Kendrew**, he added that despite the weather the club had a busy social season with successful BBQs at the clubhouse marking the Get-off-the-dock sails, Sailpast, Oktoberfest and more.



Left to right: Elizabeth Lytle, Vice-Commodore, Nigel Napier-Andrews, Immediate Past Commodore, Jim Ivison, Rear Commodore, and John Darby, Commodore

Membership Director **Carolyn Callaghan** reported that the club had welcomed 12 new members this year, against a loss of only four members, for a total of 74 members including five life members and one honorary member.

Communications Director **David Barkworth**, reported on the success of the website and the move to electronic publication of club documents, including Harbour Lights, which received a design make-over. All but a handful of members are on the Internet and able to access club information. Blast emails are sent out whenever there is anything new to communicate.



Your new Commodore –  
John Darby

Treasurer **Doug Shrigley** reported that although the renovations in 2007 had drained off the club's cash reserves, prudent fiscal management over the past 12 months had started to rebuild reserves. Increased web site costs were more than off set by the savings in printing and postage.

Club Secretary **Saleem Kassum** reported 62 reciprocal invitations had been mailed to yacht clubs around Lake Ontario and 56 were received in return. One club had specifically declined our reciprocal relationship and it is planned to address this on a direct basis with Cathedral Bluffs Yacht Club's board in the coming year.

The slate of officers for election was presented and acclaimed. Flag Officers are: Commodore – **John Darby**; Vice-Commodore – **Elizabeth Lytle**; Rear Commodore and Cruise Director – **Jim Ivison**; and Immediate Past Commodore – **Nigel Napier-Andrews**. Directors are: Treasurer – **Doug Shrigley**; Membership Director – **Carolyn Callaghan**; Social Director – **Tracey LeGrand**; Communications Director – **David Barkworth**; Director-at-Large – **Nancy Kendrew**; and Secretary – **Saleem Kassum**.

## NOISE AND SAFETY ON TORONTO ISLAND

Noise, safety and security are top among several concerns for those who use the Toronto Island Park, including HCYC members and those who dock at the Toronto Island Marina, writes new Vice-Commodore (and Past Commodore 1998-2001) **Elizabeth Lytle**. She and fellow TIM boater **Susan Hannan** met in late October with Councillor **Pam McConnell** and her assistant at The Rectory Cafe. Also present were representatives of Toronto Island Community Association (TICA), York Quay Neighbourhood

Association (YQNA) and many others. Discussed were events that have taken place over the past two or three years, and how they impacted many things in the park and marina.

The environment, public access and prudent use of the Toronto Island Park as a public asset were also concerns. Councillor McConnell is a member of the Parks and Environment Committee (formerly the Parks and Economic Committee). After much discussion on all the issues, Susan was asked to compile data from the logs of the stakeholders, and present a summary of the facts to the Councillor's office. Susan has put together an impressive document, since presented. Thanks to all those who supplied logs and letters of corroborated data for use in the compilation. In November Liz and Susan attended 52 Division's Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC) meeting. Forty or more interested parties were present at 52 Division, 255 Dundas Street West (just east of the AGO). The fact that all on the island are under the jurisdiction of 52 Division was clarified. The Marine Unit provides transportation. We now have an excellent contact if we wish to request a safety audit, something Liz plans to discuss with HCYC Board in the coming months. You can reach Liz at [elizabeth.l@sympatico.ca](mailto:elizabeth.l@sympatico.ca).

## SURVIVING THE WINTER

No one to talk to about boats and boating? Here's two easy steps to take.

Attend Commodore John Darby's New Year's Day Levée at the HCYC clubhouse on the Island at **noon on January 1, 2009**. It's a 40 minute walk from the Ward's Island ferry terminal. Tradition has it that the first member there opens up and lights the wood burning stove. Bring your own nibbles and beverages to share. Remember the water will be off, so bring drinking water too. John invites new members and old to share a little hair of the dog.

John muses that although winter hasn't officially arrived yet, he's sure many of us are already looking forward to next spring and another season of instant cottaging on the island.

The weather wasn't great for our get off the dock days this past summer but he hopes we can continue this tradition next year (BBQs included). Between our events and cruises, marina events and private parties, the season passes quickly and its up to us to make the most of it. Being a self-help club allows for periods of involvement and periods of relaxation, as the situation and mood may dictate. It's a nice choice to have.

Join Social Director Tracey LeGrand and all the rest at The Pilot Tavern, 22 Cumberland Street at Yonge (steps from the subway) at **7 pm on Saturday, February 7, 2009**, for our annual mid-winter assembly. Member and former Director Derek Saint has helped coordinate the details. All boaters will be welcome at this gathering, so feel free to bring your friends.



*The moon rises over Humber Bay*

## FROM THE REAR...

Winter Greetings,

It appears we have had a bit of a wet and cool November, not much different from the recently past summer.

For those that enjoy winter sports such as skiing hopefully the snow, (somewhere north of the 401) will do that for you. Perhaps a few others will enjoy a trip south in the coming months, though likely the rest of us will trudge through the snow or slush and grin and bear until it gets warmer again.

I've really enjoyed the past couple of years I've been associated with the crowd at Toronto Island Marina and HCYC and in my forthcoming role as Cruise Director/ Rear Commodore I hope that there are future events where anyone can have a great time.

I'm only learning a bit about the role so I'd like to point out there is also the opportunity for those that are interested in

some open regattas on various weekends or across Lake Ontario races the chance to participate is there. My own boat would probably be the slowest in any race across the lake (perhaps beside a canoe) so there is no need to as to worry whether I'm overly competitive.

As it is December 2008, "Seasons Greeting" is in order, hopefully, the coming year will find everyone in good health, whether it is a cruise, a race, or a barbeque at the club house in the coming year; I hope 2009 will be another year we can remember and enjoy.

All the Best,

**Jim**

Rear Commodore

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