



Shorelines

Lakeshore Yacht Club

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From the Commodore

Happy New Year To All.

I had the pleasure of attending the New Year's Levee for the first time this year. My wife Susan is a recently retired school teacher and, previously, we were always abroad during the Christmas break. I had heard many good things about the Moose Milk and it didn't disappoint. Many thanks to Dawn Gardham for brewing up the delicious batch.

If you missed out on the Moose Milk you really missed out on a well attended Levee. A sincere thank you goes out to Alice Wong and the social committee for organizing the New Year's Eve party and the Levee, and to those members that came out for both events.

In an attempt to stimulate my boating neurons as we approach the halfway mark in our winter hibernation, I recently attended the Toronto boat show. Every year the number of sailboats on display gets smaller and smaller, in spite of the fact that gas prices are well over a dollar a litre. I am now reduced to watching the Shard's Distant Shores series and following Derek Hatfield on the internet in order to satisfy the habit.

Around the club, things have been relatively quiet. The boats are secure, thanks to everyone who has contributed to the OD program and to those who drop in from time to time. In the late fall we installed the 5 finger extensions that were launched at haulout. I am hoping we can build 5 more this spring, pending member approval.

We continue to look into the possibility of separating the main splines and will have some numbers to present to the membership at the Feb 15th AGM. If the members approve this project we will be busy during the summer with dock builds and anchor installations.

As I have mentioned, the AGM will be held Tuesday Feb. 15 with registration starting at 7pm. We will cover the budget, work hours, taxes, special projects and have another look at the live-aboard program. The board would like to reaffirm the memberships' commitment to the live-aboard program. The membership will be asked

to consider a maximum term of 3 years for live-aboards and a minimum of 3 boats for safety reasons. As this has been a somewhat contentious issue, I would like to hear from all our members and encourage you to either attend the AGM or ensure that you have given your proxy to an attending member.

We have an exciting season ahead of us. Alice and her crew are planning a number of special events along with the usual Friday night barbecues. Sheldon is setting up the reciprocal cruises and has some new races planned for us. I am quite confident the garden committee will do their magic and the club will again bloom into the "gem on the lake". So all I say is, "Come on, Spring".

Gerald Roloson
Aimoniisi

Vice Commodore

As we look forward to getting back on the water I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of the 20th Anniversary Committee for starting to plan projects and events to mark the event! More details will follow as plans become more complete but rest assured that we're in for a great season of fun and fellowship as we celebrate the club's development over the past two decades!

Many thanks are extended to Peter LaFlair who has been working tirelessly during this busy time of year to compile the Board's budget proposal for the AGM and to begin the invoicing process. As always, Peter will aim to post the invoices asap following membership approval of the budget (which includes approval of fees and dues). If you have changed your mailing address, email address, or phone number, please make sure that you inform our Membership Director, Jim Malcolm to ensure that our records are up to date (mail@lsyc.com) and to make certain that you receive your club invoice in a timely manner.

Our Property Director, Jim Lewis has been working hard to lay the groundwork for Spring and Summer projects. We intend to give the clubhouse a good cleaning and facelift so that it sparkles for the main anniversary

celebration scheduled for Sailpast weekend. Work projects will be posted as they have been in the past but Jim will also put out a call for "all hands on deck" for a couple of work crew days to touch up drywall, paint, replace light fixture covers, etc. Regarding specific property projects that are posted, if members don't volunteer to take on posted projects within 30 days, we will outsource the work to a paid contractor.

Our major property focus for this year will be on the kitchen. We will be asking for membership approval to replace the floor, install professional grade gas stoves/ovens, and to install a sink suitable for washing large pots and pans. We will also be asking members to approve a budget line for security and landscape lighting. If you have any ideas regarding projects to improve or maintain the property, please don't hesitate to share them with me or with Jim Lewis (mail@lsyc.com).

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the AGM!

Carrie Chassels
Just Magic

Membership Director

Wow...less than 100 days to go!!! I'm beginning to feel the time pressure to get everything done before Launch.

There has been a lot to keep me busy though. We had a very successful time at the Toronto International Boat Show in early January. There were a lot of Members dropping by to chat or hang out for a while. And many people came around to ask where we are located and many more came around to say what a great Club we are. It seems we are no longer a secret on the Lake. We also had lots of inquiries about membership and had to tell people that we have quite a long waiting list. We are still interviewing people for membership, as we are a popular Club. I will be interviewing and welcoming new members over the next few months so they can join us to help with Launch and enjoy the facilities next season.

To help with planning for next year, please let me or Don Reid, the Harbourmaster, know if you plan on not launching this year. Also, let us know if you are changing boats or re-launching. There is long list of social members wanting to move their boats to the Club. This season, I will be asking for volunteers to "mentor" new members. This would help new members become acquainted with the Club, learn how to join in on various events and activities, get to meet other members and also learn how to put in work hours and contribute to our community. Let me know if you are interested. So, the count down is on, get the sandpaper, anti-fouling, brushes and rollers ready.....we will be on the water soon!!

Have a great season!!

Jim Malcolm
Blue Tango

Property Director

It is another year, just like any other year. Except this is our 20th year! That makes it a bit different. As you all know, we are having a celebration this year, and I will need your help in making the club the pristine place that it can, and will be. There are many small, and large projects that should be done before Sailpast. The sooner the better. All people with trades experience, all handymen/women, and all people willing to be gophers are being called upon. There will be postings on the "Your club needs you" board, which is just outside the Ladies room. Please contact me if you are able to do any posted work. As well I will be posting sign up sheets for work parties. These will be put out at the AGM, with different dates, so you have some flexibility. Speaking of the AGM, I would like to remind people of your right to come and have YOUR voice heard. 109 days until we are wet!

Cheers 'till then,

Jim Lewis
Water Doctor

Treasurer

Club's Property Tax Situation

At several Club meetings, I have given a quick overview of a very serious property tax problem being addressed by all the Toronto boating clubs. All other Toronto clubs have already been issued assessments and thus taxed at rates 300 to 600% higher than in 2008. Our Club was fortunate in that our property was assessed by a different assessing group within MPAC, so our increase over the 2005 previous assessment was a more reasonable 15%, in line with that of PCYC and the approximately 20% general increases for other city properties. The other Toronto clubs have been attempting to have their assessments changed. MPAC proposed revised values at about 300% over the 2005 amounts, which would have also include our Club and asked for the clubs to accept minutes of settlement at the new amounts which would have meant there would be no right of appeal. We have joined these other clubs in hiring a lawyer to assist the clubs in reaching a reasonable resolution of this problem, which may eventually involve fighting MPAC's new assessment approach in court. In the meantime, the Club has not appealed its actual assessment and is being billed by our landlord (the City of Toronto) on that basis. The next scheduled assessment cycle is in 2012, and our assessment could remain at the current level until then. However, the parking authority has appealed its

assessment for its lots on the Samuel Smith property which could open up the assessed values for all tenants, which means our assessment may be adjusted before then and we should be prepared to pay more taxes in the meantime. The other Toronto clubs are already facing tax bills up to 6 times higher than previously experienced and are financing them in various ways, from ignoring them (short term, hoping for success in efforts to reverse them), to increasing fees (can be up to \$500+ for some clubs), to deferring capital expenditures. We have previously provided \$30,000 for possible reassessments and still maintain that provision in the accounts.

Peter LaFlair
[Topaz](#)

Harbourmaster

After several years of contemplation I decided to take the plunge and stand for election to our Board, and so for my sins, here I am. I am honoured to be your Harbourmaster and I will do my best to ensure that you all receive prompt and efficient service with respect to the docks, and I will give my wholehearted attention to my duties as a Director.

During the latter part of last year five fingers were extended to 48 feet or 14.77 meters, for those of you with boats that won't fit on an imperial slip. In the fall we will be repositioning B dock to the west which will allow greater maneuverability and the capability to extend fingers on the insides of both A and B docks should the need arise.

I would appreciate receiving notification of any changes in the status of your boats, email me at mail@lsyc.com. Please review the following. Are you up or down sizing? Were you on the hard last year but launching this year or launched last year but staying on the hard this year? You sold your boat and you no longer require a slip or you don't like the view from your present slip.

Members requiring to change slips or return to the water after a hiatus ashore should inform me as soon as possible in order that dock assignments can be made, by seniority, prior to the allocation of slips to new members.

Members who are changing boats should complete a "change of boat status form" which is available on our website in the members section. The completed form should be forwarded to me, for approval by the Board. Please contact me at djmr@rogers.com or by leaving a note in my mailbox, as soon as possible, even if you have already mentioned changes to someone else.

I wish you all a Happy New Year and a wonderful summer on our lake.

Don Reid
416-720-6150

[Will Power](#)

Environment Director

As a newbie to your board I have had some interesting revelations about the inner workings of the club and the varied responsibilities of this position. The most striking (and unexpected) among these is keep our truly magnificent gardeners well supplied with the necessary tools and materials. Sharon, Karl and Vera have done their best to educate me on the mysteries regularly involved. There are also some ambitious new proposals from what is a truly dedicated and effective group and we all look forward to seeing developments in the growing seasons.

In the meantime I have to thank Gary Notar for educating me on the inner workings of another of my unexpected responsibilities; the Officer of the Day system. The task of organizing this program for 2011 has been taken on by the very competent team of Aura and Ed Degouveia. Thanks Aura and Joe for a great start. A grateful thank you also to all the volunteers for the winter security program that now appears to have few if any gaps. I remind everyone that we are now much more well known, as the new local outdoor skating path is very popular and very close by. Please remember it is your responsibility to turn up for the duty you signed on for, regardless of receiving or not receiving a reminder phone call.

After years of idyllic inactivity on the empty yacht club space next to ours you may find this something of a surprise but Toronto has truly massive plans for it. These plans were outlined at a public meeting called by the City to update concerned parties on progress on drainage plans. I need to digress a little to properly explain what is planned.

Every member will have noticed the rapid and sometimes horrific changes in the water quality at our docks. The reason for this is the discharges from the drain that delivers some stormwater (street run off) from a large built up area of Etobicoke into our harbour at the north-west corner.

These storm discharges that we (and the lake) receive are polluted with potentially harmful organisms from pet and bird wastes, dirt and dust, gas, oil and grease, leaves, soil and other debris. Members should be aware this makes swimming around our docks after a storm a potential cause of ear nose, throat and gastrointestinal infections. The contaminants also badly affect lake ecology.

This situation is going to change and we will eventually benefit, but there will be disruptions before a fix is in place. The City plans to capture much of the water together with most of the dirt that is being carried at all the 25+ discharge locations along the Etobicoke west

shoreline. The water will be collected and pumped through pipes of up to 1.6 m in diameter to either one really big settling tank (or possibly three smaller ones depending on collection of more data).

After settling in the tank the much cleaner settled water will be discharged to the lake through new discharge pipes. The settled grit and dirt and the separated oil and grease will then be disposed off or recycled separately.

There will be two major consequences for our harbour. First the new stormwater collection system will greatly reduce (but not stop) flow into our harbour through the existing storm arrangement. In each storm event the new system will divert the first water flow that carries most of the dirt to the collection system. However if the storm is a big one the cleaner later flow will still be discharge just as it does now. However the discharges will be much cleaner. The liquid mud we sometimes see should become a thing of the past or at very least an extremely rare event. A second consequence might be a better turnover of water in the harbour especially if part of the cleaned-up discharge from the settling tank is led through our harbour. This might encourage even more fish and bird life.

The downside of this improvement is that the plumbing required for the project is big, and it has to go somewhere. The single settling tank option which is currently the option favoured by the City would put a big, 'roofed over' underground tank close to our car park. The approximate size is massive; 25 m deep by 60 m in diameter. Also the very big pipes would have to lead to it and there would be a substantial array of large electric pumps and discharge lines to get the settled water to the discharge points and also some ancillary installations for handling garbage grit and sludge and oil and grease. It is intended that almost all of the installation will be underground.

What and when will it all happen? We do know there is no money right now! The whole project cost is expected to be about \$150 million and the time frame according to city staff is roughly within the next 10 years. (FYI the city has more or less finished the rest of the waterfront so ours is the last bit.)

As you can imagine the amount of excavation and construction required is going to be large and will take more than a year. During construction it is likely to be very noisy from 7am to 7 pm weekdays, very messy and congested with lots of dump and cement trucks cranes etc. However the city is well practiced at doing this kind of work with minimal disruption to residents. Lets hope they treat us tenants with a closely related level of consideration.

Tony Edmonds
Tautomer

Social Director

Happy New Year and “Kung Hey Fat Choi” (Wishing you Prosperity).

I would like to take this opportunity to pay my kudos to Ros Eadie, past Social Director for hosting such a successful series of social events. She left me with a pair of awfully big shoes to fill. Thankfully, Dee Vanzon has graciously accepted to be my mentor. With Ros Eadie, Bob Fraser, Linda Geerling, Karl Janzer, and Vera Taylor as members of the Social Committee, I look forward to another exciting and eventful year in 2011.

The Commodore’s Ball was a delightful evening with great food and music in an intimate elegant setting. In the company of fellow members, we capped off another enjoyable sailing season with toasts and well wishes. A big THANK YOU to Ros Eadie for organizing the event, Dee Vanzon, Lynn McFerran and others for assisting.

The New Year Eve party kicked off 2011 with a bang. It was so well received that we thought we might have to sleep over! The New Year Levee was equally successful with Dawn’s famous moose milk and plentiful scrumptious food provided by members. A sincere thanks to Dana and Kelly at the DJ chairs, Dee, Ros, Bob and Linda for the wonderful work. Last but not least, to Dawn, the champion of Moose Milk.

The Potluck Dinner Club, organized by Sharon Neilson, has been meeting on the last Sunday of the month, from October through to April. Each month features a different theme. Details are posted on the website.

We have an exciting program in store for you in the coming months. Following is a list of the upcoming events. Please check our website, and/or notice board for more details and updates.

February 5th – Chinese New Year dinner welcoming the Year of Rabbit.

March 26th – East Coast Dinner. Ready for some jiggling?

April 2nd – Charity Euchre.

April – Arts and Crafts Show. Date to be confirmed.

May 13th – Start of our famous Friday BBQ. (Please note: Guests will be charged at \$10/person in place of \$5/member cost)

TBD –Greek Night.

July 30th – Indian Night

Other events to be finalized are Caribbean Night, Hawaiian Night, and Octoberfest. If you are interested in

hosting a social/charity event, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I have been overwhelmed by the support I have received from members since I took over the social program. Your help in running the highly successful social events at the club are vital. I urge anyone looking for work hours and good company to volunteer with set up and/or clean up. We need you all!

Alice Wong
Nostramo

Fleet Captain

Hello all you race fanatics,

We have an amazing year ahead of us, but first of all I'd like to say what an honor it is to be your Fleet Captain this Year and I hope that I can at least come close to filling the shoes of my predecessors.

With that behind us let's talk about what's in front of us. You should check the calendar and get back to me with some feed back before everything is carved in stone. No suggestions will go un-appreciated.

The big news this year is the Founder's Cup Regatta . A 2 day event, Sept. 10-11th , that will replace one of our there and back races that have become all to redundant.

3 races around the cans on the first day with a Band and BBQ at night (plus other fun stuff), then 2 Races on the second day followed by an awards ceremony.

We will arrange starts to facilitate the fairest racing possible so put a crew together and get out there.

Also for your pre-season tune up we have arranged for a sail maker from evolution sails to come in and do a talk on sail trim and sail technology, tentatively scheduled for March 10th at 6:30 pm.

Be sure to mark Race registration on your calendars, April, 14th from 6:30 to 8:30 and Sail measurements for all you with new inventory will be held on May 1st, Noon till 3pm.

Again, any suggestions will be entertained and appreciated. Contact me at fleetcaptain@lsyc.com or call 416-989-8701 and I will get back ASAP.

Thanks

Sheldon Street
Willin

Communication Director

Hi All, and a special shout out to all of our ex-friends down south enjoying their Pina Colada's and Bahama Mama's while we struggle though this cold snap! Pure jealousy, don't take it personal.

So I would like to remind you of all the people elected to serve and represent you this year:

Commodore, Gerald Roloson
Vice Commodore, Carrie Chassels
Rear Commodore, Frank Vanzon
Secretary, Bev Wiltshire
Treasurer, Peter LaFlair
Harbour Master, Don Reid
Property, Jim Lewis
Fleet Captain, Sheldon Street
Membership, Jim Malcolm
Environment, Tony Edmonds
Social, Alice Wong
Communications, Tony Rumball

Not a lot to say but as Carrie says don't forget to make sure you send any changes to your information to Mail@lsyc.com so we can keep the records up to date and Peter can bill you for next year!

BTW, Thanks Denise!

Tony Rumball
October Wind

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 15 February 2011

Lakeshore Yacht Club

7:00 PM Registration

7:30 Call to Order and Opening Remarks, motion to approve minutes of November 09 2010 General Meeting

7:35 2010 Auditor's Report

- Presentation and acceptance by the membership

7:50 2011 Budget

- Presentation and acceptance by the membership

8:20 Dock Expansion Presentation

8:35 Items regarding the winter Live-board program

- Discussion and vote, please see below for Motions

9:05 Junior Club Presentation

9:20 20th Anniversary Committee presentation

- Presentation and acceptance by the membership

9:35 Adjournment

Proposed motions regarding the Winter Live-aboard Program :

1. The membership supports continuation of the Winter Live-aboard program.

2. Item 12.1 of the the Rules and Regulations is amended from:

"The club shall permit a...minimum of (2) winter liveaboards per year..."

to:

"The club shall permit a...minimum of three (3) winter liveaboards per year..."

3. A new item 12.5 is added to the Rules and Regulations as follows:

Participation in the winter live-aboard program is limited to a term of three (3) consecutive years with a break of at least one (1) winter between terms.

4. The practice of granting winter live-aboards use of the club-owned agitators is discontinued, and they must supply their own system of ice abatement.

5. The application process is amended to adopt the following timeline:

i) application is submitted, with payment of live-aboard fee and proof of live-aboard insurance, by June 01

ii) Rear Commodore and/or Harbourmaster ensure the applicant's vessel is equipped as per the safety requirements of the Live-Aboard Policy and Guidelines

iii) the Board communicates their decision on or before July 15

Minutes from the LSYC November General Membership Meeting November 9, 2010

Quorum attained

Welcome remarks from Peter Tomlin, Commodore

Speakers

Ros Eadie – information regarding summer season successes with the Social Committee and information about the upcoming Commodore's Ball

Sean Furniss – new defibrillator at the Club – need 8 Members to be trained in usage, a 9-hour course

Kay Mountford – information and short DVD about charity for upcoming year

Judy Preston – information to Membership about petition and live-a-boards; very upset with decisions/actions of the Board

Doug Ransom – information to Membership about his letter to the Board regarding live-a-boards

Note: information and process/procedures/fees for live-a-boards to come to February 2011 Annual General Meeting

Remarks from the Commodore and the year in review (please also see the power point)

-“thanks” to Kay Mountford for acting as our Benevolent Coordinator (home/hospital visits, flower and fruit baskets

-Short video remembering “Pirate Day”; 10th year anniversary of charity supporting activities; this year we raised \$1200

-Note: our Club's 20th anniversary is during the upcoming sailing season of 2011; Sail past and the anniversary will be celebrated together; Sail past is June 16, 2011

-Regalia is for sale tonight, in the Wheelhouse

-Member, Doug Brown is ill

-Winter O. D. – please sign up for two shifts; please also take time to sweep stones from the new pavement (at all times)

-New dock length along the shoreline helped greatly with unstopping of masts and boat haul out

-Should you ever be aware of a boat being hit at our Club – please report it immediately to the Harbour Master

-Gala of Hope raised \$15,000 this past year

-work hours update – 32 Members had not fulfilled 50% of their work hours requirement by midsummer and are still not up-to-date; remember that November O. D. hours go toward the just past summer season work hours

Report from Peter LaFlair, Treasurer :

-our taxes are in line with the previous year; still expect an increase to come of approximately \$50,000

-rent due is in line with our lease agreement with the City of Toronto and we still have a couple of years to go

-information about a change of auditor

Motion: To accept Tinkham and Associates, a local firm, to complete our annual audit, at an approximate cost

of \$5000/year. Proposed by Peter LaFlair, Second by Carrie Chassels. One vote against, carried.

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Recognition awards:

-our “congratulations and thanks” to Vera Taylor and Karl Janzer; and to Kay Mountford – received Club pins

Remarks from Gerald Roloson, Vice Commodore:

-information about proposed spline realignment to increase the water space between A and B docks; more specific information to come to February AGM for discussion and vote

-dinghy ramp – still needs improvements and adjustments for safety

Break

9:50 p. m. return to the meeting

Speaker

-Les Mac Donald – improvements to the Club over the past few years; great job by the Board; the Board has been “dissed” tonight and this is not acceptable

Dawn Gardham, Past Commodore

Motion: To retire Board of 2009-2010, with the exception of the Secretary. Proposed by Dawn Gardham.

Second by Larry Large and Olga. Carried.

-a vote is required for some of the Board positions for 2010-2011; completed votes to be put in bin; Mike Pullen is the scrutineer

-votes will be counted by Mike Pullen, Christine de Nottbeck and Dawn Gardham

Board for 2010 – 2011

Commodore, Gerald Roloson	Vice Commodore, Carrie Chassels
Rear Commodore, Frank Vanzon	Secretary, Bev Wiltshire
Treasurer, Peter LaFlair	Harbour Master, Don Reid
Property, Jim Lewis	Fleet Captain, Sheldon Street
Membership, Jim Malcolm	Environment, Tony Edmonds
Social, Alice Wong	Communications, Tony Rumball

Adjournment



I, _____, of _____,
(Print your name here) (Print home city)

designate my proxy to vote for and on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of Lakeshore Yacht Club, to be held on Tuesday 15 February 2011, to:

(Print name of Proxy designate) _____.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2011.

Signature of Member _____

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