



THE BULLETIN

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Commodore's Log

I would like to take this opportunity to thank outgoing executive members Teresa Kelly, Bulletin/ Drift and Dave Mauro, Secretary, for their dedication and tireless efforts for the betterment of our club. I would also like to thank our outgoing Past Commodore, George Petty. Along with his commitment to the club, he was also instrumental in obtaining our new travel lift which, I believe, we all would agree has been a tremendous benefit to all of us. Finally, to Chris Bailey our outgoing Commodore, thank you for guiding us through the last two years which have been very difficult considering all the changes at the waterfront. I look forward to working with you to complete what we have started as you occupy the Past Commodore's chair.

Our new executive members are Wayne Hurley Membership, Joseph Lockert, Clubhouse, and Denette Maslach, Properties. I look forward to working with all of you. There has also been some shifting among the executive, Sarah Browne takes over as Secretary, Rob Cameron as Bulletin/Drift and Rene St Jacques as the new Rear Commodore.

Although it is not boating season yet, your executive is behind the scenes planning to make 2012 a great season. Richard and his team will be repairing and building more docks. The racing fleet, under direction of Eric, promises to be better than ever with more boats in the water and the use of a new committee boat. Kerry continues to do a great job planning various social events so check the bulletin and our website for times and places. Our club is nothing without people and camaraderie so please come out as it is always a wonderful time and a great way to meet everyone.

Todd Siciliano
Commodore

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Around the Club

There shouldn't be any more problems with opening the gate at the Mission property. A **new lock** has been installed after the old one was deemed irreparable. No reason, now, not to lock the gate upon exiting the property.

The **first revision of the 2012 racing schedule** is now available. Visit the TBYC website and click on "Racing" for details. Comments are welcome. Please forward them to Eric Hansen, Fleet Captain Sail, in time for the April 12th pre-season skippers' meeting.

The hull and superstructure repairs on **the new committee boat** have been completed. The boat is currently at Pelltier's Auto Body being prepared for refinishing. It will be returned to the Mission property sometime in February. It is expected that the boat will be ready for the beginning of the 2012 season.

The Docking Director, Richard Matheson, advises the Club **will be replacing 3 old docks** this winter. Work will commence once the ice is deemed safe enough to work on.

Also, there are approximately 30 people on the **docking waiting list**. If you are interested in docking at the Mission and you are not on the waiting list, please fill out a docking application form and submit it to the Docking Director. Application forms are available on the Club web site (<http://www.tbyc.on.ca/>) or at the Mission Clubhouse.

Club Events Calendar

Thursday, March 1st 2012, 7:00pm: Author **Charlie Wilkins** will be speaking to the Club about his adventures in rowing across the Atlantic Ocean with 15 other people on a boat call *Big Blue*. (See page 4 for details.)

Thursday, April 12th: Pre-season Skippers Meeting (time and location to be announced)

Around the Lake

It's the **end of another shipping season** for the Thunder Bay Port Authority. The Soo Locks closed Wednesday at midnight. The locks closed three days later than usual this year because of the warm weather. The last ship to leave the port was the Saginaw on Saturday, January 14th. Two of the three ships that will be staying for the winter at Keefer Terminal are already docked. The last was expected to arrive on Sunday, the 15th. Three ships will also be docked at Lakehead Marine and Industrial for their five-year inspections and repairs. The icebreaker Samuel Risley has also arrived in the port. It will clear some of the ice inside the breakwall before returning to the southern Great Lakes.

For the environmentally minded/concerned boater, you might find this article an interesting read: *"Is it too late for Saultites to panic over L. Superior pollution?"*

<http://www.saultthisweek.com/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=3440206>

Or, are you looking for a little light reading on a cold winter night. If so, "Shrinking Lake Superior Also Heating Up" is the title of an interesting article in *National Geographic News*. (See <http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2007/08/070803-shrinking-lake.html>). You might want to compare your experiences to what the researchers are concluding.

Volunteer Opportunities

Dock Demolition Volunteers Required: This winter volunteers are required to remove three existing docks. While working off of the ice, the old docks will be cut into manageable sections and placed on shore. The weekend demolition usually takes 3 to 4 hours to complete. Use of a chainsaw would be appreciated (damaged chains will be replaced). If available, contact Richard Matheson at 622 7803 or email cruise10@shaw.ca

Bulletin and Drift: If you are interested in getting some volunteer hours in by helping with *The Bulletin* or *The Drift* please contact Rob Cameron at rcameron@lakeheadu.ca. There's plenty to do; last year's volunteers are more than welcome to join in again.

Things to do when you can't go sailing.....

B4H (Bicycles for Humanity) is holding a fund raising dance at the LU Outpost on Saturday February 25, 2012. Tickets are \$15 pp. and available at both Quality Markets, Fresh Air Experience and at the door. Doors open at 8 pm and the band "**ROUGH CUT**" will start at 9 pm. There will also be a silent auction. For more information call Sandy at 623-8547 or Terry at 577-8289.

Crew looking for a boat...

Are you a **winter cruiser looking for crew**? Mary (Ellen) Turgeon writes she is in NEED of sunshine and is curious to know if anyone/club members, may wish or need extra-crew on their southern 'sailing' trip. She is willing to fly to meet them along their way. If interested Mary can be contacted at certificat8me@hotmail.com



*Thunder Bay Yacht Club presents
Charlie Wilkins*

In 2011, Charlie and his international crew rowed a catamaran named "Big Blue" from Morocco to Barbados ...

Now he is here to share the story of his adventures with our Club!

Thursday, 01 March 2012 at 7:00pm sharp

Thunder Bay Yacht Club Clubhouse on Mission Island

Seating is limited so you must reserve your spot now.

Cost is \$5 per person for Yacht Club members and \$10 per person for guests. Coffee and tea will be served.

RSVP to Kerry at berlin@tbaytel.net or 346 8534

See you there !

Advertising in The Bulletin

1/4 page \$20.00 + HST = \$22.60

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TBYC Burgees For Sale

The burgees are 12" x 24" in club colours of Royal Blue and Spanish Gold at \$25.00 each tax incl. If you would like a club burgee contact Richard Matheson at: cruise10@shaw.ca

ELECTRONIC INVOICE / INTERNET PAYMENTS

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This is another way to save both you and the club money and it reduces the work load of our volunteer Treasurer! If you wish to use this convenient service, please send your e-mail address to: **Terry Cano, TBYC Treasurer, at tcano@shaw.ca**

Remember! Take your monthly Bulletin via Email...

The Bulletin is sent by email to 53 percent of TBYC members! You get it early & save the club over \$900. Send your email address to: rcameron@lakeheadu.ca, phone (807) 345-0342.

Also, if you change your postal address or email address, please let us know!

Security

Security is an issue for all of us. Please check the yard and if you are the last one to leave please lock the gate and the clubhouse.