



THE BULLETIN



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Around the Club...

Annual General Meeting... The AGM was held Thursday, November 27th, 2014 at the Mission clubhouse. The following items of note emerged from the meeting:

- ✚ **Motions:** 2 motions regarding TBYC fees were **passed** at the 2014 AGM:
 - **Motion 'A':** "Effective immediately, the initiation fees for new Full Members shall increase to \$1,500.00 plus applicable taxes payable in three equal instalments. The first due upon application, the second due on the anniversary of the member's acceptance, and the final on the second anniversary."
 - **Motion 'B':** "Members who have more than one boat stored in the TBYC storage using more than one storage lot, after a one year grace period, will be assessed a fee equal to the Full Member annual membership fee and contribute 10 hours of volunteer services (or payment in lieu of volunteer hours) for each additional boat."
- ✚ **Commodore's Report:** Highlights from the Commodore's report to the AGM include:
 - "TBYC is a growing club and a few years ago we recognized the need to create a paid employee position (Facilities Co-ordinator) to help shoulder the load of the day-to-day operational needs of the club...The reason I bring this up is to recognize the increasing day-to-day operational overheads of the club, and also to highlight the fact that with the advent to the Facilities Coordinator role the TBYC Board has been able to step-back from day-to-day concerns and instead focus on planning, development and the road ahead. There are two key initiatives in process at the moment."
 - "The first initiative is investigation into options...to allow TBYC to accommodate more winter storage and by extension growth of membership. At this early stage we have not fully determined costs, financing or cost-recovery mechanisms, and we will be bringing these details to membership once we have them."
 - "The interesting problems related to membership growth ... dovetail with the second significant ongoing TBYC initiative, which is investigation of options for building a new member facility at Prince Arthur's Landing Marina. This process was started early in 2013 and evolved into a working partnership with Temple Reef Sailing Club (TRSC), for the sakes of adding weight to our discussions with The City and to share the eventual costs associated to building and operating such a facility... The City's Phase 2/South of Pearl Waterfront Development Project plan is not entirely clear at this point, and our plans are somewhat tied to the progress of Phase 2 planning. We will continue to develop these plans through a series of meetings scheduled over December and January, and you can expect to see and hear more about this initiative in the coming months."
- ✚ **Facilities Co-ordinator's Report:** In addition to providing operational assistance to the Executive, including the Commodore, The Treasurer and Directors of Docking, Storage, and Launch and Haul, the Facilities Co-ordinator, in 2014, co-ordinated a number of projects for the Club including:
 - the replacement of the main entrance driveway culvert to a 12 meter width culvert;
 - contacting the City to have the ditch along 108th Ave. cleaned next spring;
 - arranging the annual fall inspection and maintenance of the clubhouse propane furnace and electric back-up heating systems;

- following up and correcting concerns noted on the quarterly automated gate inspection report - had brackets fabricated and installed a turnbuckle and cable to keep the gate post vertical;
- arranging for delivery of the defibrillator for the Mission clubhouse, donated by Heart and Stroke, and for operational training for 10 TBYC members;
- assisting Ray Innes with the disposal of the old yard light fixtures that we replaced with LED's this year. Through Ray's initiative in submitting an application to the OPA Retrofit Program on the Club's behalf, we will be receiving a rebate from Thunder Bay Hydro in the amount of \$2,968.00 plus HST for a total of \$3,353.84. (Many thanks for your time and effort Ray.);
- replacing the Mission pump-out pump, (it is on order and will be installed early next spring).

Additional reports were provided to the membership by individual Directors. Generally, it was a quite but productive year for the Club with all operations on track.

- ✚ **Election of Executive:** Eight (8) of the 18 executive positions were available for election. Seven (7) of the positions were filled by acclamation: Jack Drewes, Properties; Denette Maslach, Public Relations; James Gracey, Fleet Captain Sail; Neil Brown, Storage; Rob Cameron, Bulletin; Ray Innes, Marina Advisory; Wayne Hurley, Membership.

In addition, a vote was held for Docking Director. Jerry Tichy was elected to that position.

Contact Information for the 2014-15 TBYC Board of Directors... Welcome to the new and returning Board members. Up-to-date contact information for the Board is as follows:

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Public Relations...

Mr. Jamie Saunders, Thunder Bay North Harbour Project Program Co-ordinator for *ECO Superior*, made a presentation to the TBYC Executive at its November, 2014 meeting. Mr. Saunders presented an overview of the contamination issues at the north end of Thunder Bay harbour as well as some details about the remedial options being considered. If you are interested in more information, the slides supporting the presentation are available at:

<http://www.ecosuperior.org/upload/documents/thunder-bay-north-harbour-project-peo-pr.pdf>.



Racing...

The Sail Committee is looking for race committee for the upcoming 2015 racing season. For those interested, please contact Fleet Captain of Sail, James Gracey at jgracey@lakeheadu.ca.

Social Committee... Under the co-ordinating efforts of Social Director, Sirkka Creagh, there were 3 very successful TBYC social events held in the months of November and December, 2014. The first was the 1st Annual TBYC **Dryland Regatta Bash** (aka Sailor's Awards Social) held Friday, November 14th, 2014 at the Prince Arthur Waterfront Hotel. The event was a sell out and a good time was held by all. The committee is looking to use a larger venue next year to handle the anticipated high demand for this event.

On December 5, 2014, **The Close of Navigation/Christmas Party** of the Thunder Bay Yacht Club was held at the Italian Cultural Centre on Algoma Street. This event was the culmination of the boating season as well as a Christmas gathering for Club members. It also marked the end of the 69th anniversary year of our Club.



The very happy winner of the *Close of Navigation* "Grand Prize", a Lowrance Chart Plotter, was Allen Fraser.



This evening held many special moments. Rene St. Jacques acknowledged the members who have passed in the last year or so. Some fond remembrances were shared.



A welcome was offered by TBYC Social Director Sirkka Creagh. Speeches and presentations were facilitated by the Master of Ceremonies, Paul Morralee.



A buffet dinner was enjoyed. The night continued with music and dancing to the wonderful sounds of Mark Thibert and Mood Indigo.

The *Lead Life Ring Award* ceremony was brilliantly executed by Peter Hansen. There were many honourable mentions. Eventually one had been chosen. Denette Maslach was the winner for 2014. Congratulations, Denette!

A surprise from Paul Morralee to all of those present, was a Christmas card video which was filmed and edited by Victor. This marvelous job included shots of our boats, the clubhouse and our property at Mission Island. WOW! Check it out in the Banner for this edition of *The Bulletin*.

In 2014, we look forward to bringing people together once again for the celebration in December of our 70th Anniversary as a Club. In the meantime, we will be having various events throughout the year. We are looking at resurrecting some activities that members enjoyed in the early years. More details will be in the next *Bulletin*.

The final successful fall social event was the third annual **Snowbird Party** held on Saturday, Dec. 13th, 2014, at the Mission Clubhouse. It was an opportunity to say goodbye to our members that are going south for the winter.

The party featured a pot-luck supper, beverages and a great deal of socializing...a good time was had by all.

Need Volunteer Hours? There will be a lot of different ways to volunteer for Social Committee activities this coming year. If you want to be involved please send an email to the address below indicating any preferences you might have. This is also a great way to meet other boaters.
tcreagh@shaw.ca



Mission Clubhouse...

Defibrillator arrives...

Pictured, at right, is part of the group who, on December 13, took part in the training on how to use the new heart defibrillator.

Both the Instructor, who was sent up from Toronto to do the training, and the defibrillator were provided to TBVC by the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The new unit is now installed on the wall of the clubhouse inside the entrance above the first aid kit. Members should be cautioned that **accessing the unit will sound an alarm.**



Membership...

New Members: The Executive, on behalf of the Club, would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Full Members approved at the November, 2014 Executive meeting:

- Martin and Sharlene Baryluk - Sprinta Sport 23, *Blade Runner* – sail
- Blair and Dorothy Smith – Silverton 35 – power
- Terry and Kathy Webb – 35' power – *Wamasuna*

In Memoriam:

Ann (Annie) Zeleny

Mrs. Ann Zeleny (Annie) was born in Fort William on February 25, 1915 to Mike and Helen Dokuchic. In 1937, she

married Steve Zeleny and together they raised three children Louise (Harrett), Jon (deceased) and Bill. Ann worked as a playground supervisor and as an occupational therapist at the Fort William Sanatorium for approximately 18 years. She was predeceased by her husband Steve, son Jon, grandson Patrick, and sisters: Julia, Olga, Vera and brothers Bill, Steve, Nick and Alec. She is survived by children Louise Harrett, Bill and Charlotte Zeleny and daughter in-law Judy Zeleny; sisters: Sally Umpherson, Zinovia Stoyka along with numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

With husband Steve and other family members Ann boated on Lake Superior and twice through the Great Lakes on their boat *Steveann*. She was member of the Canadian Power Squadron and the Thunder Bay Yacht Club. Hawaii was the preferred vacation destination upon their retirement. Annie and her family were long-time summer residents of the Welcome Islands.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 in the Blake Funeral Chapel, Thunder Bay. Interment followed in Sunset Memorial Gardens. If friends desire, memorials to St. Joseph's Foundation would be appreciated.

Rudy Warkentin



The family is sad to announce the death of Rudy Theodor Warkentin on November 12, 2014 at TBRHSC. Rudy was the much loved husband of Joy and father of Kris (Sharon) and Joel (Vicky), grandfather of cherished grandchildren Isaac, Michael and Katherine. Rudy was born in Winnipeg and

spent his early years on his grandparent's farm in Steinbach, Manitoba. He was proud of his German Mennonite heritage and continued to read a German newspaper each day as well as practice his Low German on unsuspecting friends. He graduated with Science and Education degrees from the University of Manitoba and Queens University. Most of his working life was as a secondary school teacher with the Lakehead Board of Education, a career he loved.

Rudy was active in hiking, woodworking, snowmobiling, archery and sailing. He built his beautiful sailboat *Arctic Fantasy* and took his family on many wonderful adventures sailing the Great Lakes, making discoveries and lifelong friends along the way. In the early 80's the family took a year off and sailed to the Bahamas and back, spending more than a year on the water. He was a proud member of the Thunder Bay Yacht Club.

A celebration of Rudy's life was held on Sunday, November 16, 2014 at the Fort William Country Club in Thunder Bay. If you wish, a donation to the Exceptional Cancer Care Campaign at Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre, the Northern Cancer Research Foundation or to a charity of their choice would be appreciated.

Flotsam and Jetsam...

Boat Show Season... It's upon us again; time to pull out the "wish list" and see what the boating world has to offer for 2015, especially if your list includes a new boat. Here is a list of some of the more popular boat shows that are frequently of interest to the TBYC members:

- ✓ The **Toronto International Boat Show** is a popular show for Club members and it's scheduled for January 10 to 18, 2015. Details can be found at: <http://www.torontoboatshow.com/>. This link allows you to preview boats that are at the 2015 show as well as access a schedule of some 120 show seminars on a variety of topics including, among other things, basic boating, estate planning for the boat owner, power boat racing, boat organizing and provisioning, dealing with emergencies at sea, docking and close-quarter maneuvering, marine weather, boating adventure in the Caribbean, the Sweet Water Seas (the Great Lakes) or the Mediterranean. There is also a bio on seminar leaders to give insight into the depth of expertise you will encounter at the different seminars. There is also a portal to the various educational activities associated with the show. You can also book your show tickets and make travel arrangements on the site.
- ✓ **Mid-West Boat Shows:** With the loss of direct flights from Thunder Bay to Chicago, several Midwest boat shows are now not quite as accessible to Club members. There's the **Chicago Boat, RV & Strictly Sail Show**, January 14th-18th, 2015 at McCormick Place, see <http://www.chicagoboatshow.com/default.aspx> for more information; the **Milwaukee Boat Show**, scheduled for January 16th-18th and 21st-26th, 2015 at State Fair Park, visit

<http://showspan.com/MBS/>); and the **Detroit Boat Show** to be held February 14th-22nd, 2015 at Cobo Center, see <http://detroitboatshow.net/>.

- ✓ Shows frequented by the snowbirds and winter vacationers among us are the **Vancouver International Boat Show**, January 21st-25th, 2015 at BC Place and Granville Island (see <http://www.vancouverboatshow.ca/>); the **Victoria Boat and Fishing Show** on February 20th-22nd, 2015 at the Tillicum Center (<http://www.victoriaboatshow.com/>) and the **Miami International Boat Show**, Feb. 12th-16th, 2015 at 3 locations, the Miami Beach Convention Center, Sea Isle Marina and Miamarina at Bayside; see <http://www.miamiboatshow.com/default.aspx> for details. For those who like to go west or to the desert, there are also the California Boat shows: **The San Francisco Boat Show**, January 22nd-25th at AT&T Park (<http://www.sfboatshow.com/>) and **The Los Angeles Boat Show**, February 19th-22nd, 2015 at the Los Angeles Convention Center and Marina Del Ray (<http://www.losangelesboatshow.com/>).
- ✓ Closer to home is the **Minneapolis Boat Show** at the Minneapolis Convention Center, January 22nd-25th, 2015 (<http://www.minneapolisboatshow.com/default.aspx>). This show boasts the upper Midwest's best selection of new boats and hundreds of booths showcasing the very latest in engines, electronics, fishing gear and accessories.
- ✓ On the local scene, the **Central Canada Outdoor & Recreation Show** is scheduled for the Sportsdome in Thunder Bay from February 27th to March 1st, 2015, see <http://www.tbchamber.ca/events/outdoor>.
- ✓ For a more complete listing of upcoming North American boat shows, and their related web links, you may want to visit <http://www.crestliner.com/boat-show-schedule> or <http://www.boatshows.com/calendar.aspx>.
- ✓ Of course, if you can't make a boat show this winter, you can always go the electronic route for a virtual boat show at, among other sites, <http://www.nauticexpo.com>, or <http://www.boattest.com/> or <http://www.discoverboating.ca/> (this site also has resources for helping you make the "right" decision for the boat for you).

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