



SUNORA Another Success

Rob Van Wyck

The 22nd Annual SUNORA (SUperior North-shore RegattA) this past Summer was a resounding success. From July 29th to August 5th, 11 boats (10 sail and 1 power) toured and raced back and forth between Thunder Bay and Nipigon.

We moored in many of the most beautiful anchorages along Superior's North shore including Loon and Otter as well as the lesser known locations such as Root Bay. We enjoyed a BBQ dockside in Nipigon, a delicious banquet at the Quebec Lodge in Red Rock, and great companionship sharing a brew while rafted together with friends. The final evening's celebration was held at Porphyry Island. Not to forget the keen competition with the daily races. We'd start at 11am daily and give it our best to the next anchorage.



SUNORA 2017 participant boats rafted together.

New boats are always welcome, and there is great safety in numbers. There is no better way to get to know the North Shore than this family centred tour/race. 2018 dates are July 28 to August 4. Watch for more information in Spring 2018!

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New Remotes Available

A new supply of remote controls for the Mission Property gate has arrived. The remotes are \$40.00 each plus HST and can be charged to your TBYC account. Call or text Facility Coordinator **Richard Matheson at 251-6832** for your remote.

Save the Date: Snowbird Potluck Party Saturday, December 9th, 6:30pm at Mission Clubhouse

Let's gather for a shared meal while recalling stories of summer adventures and share plans for the winter months.

See you there!



Close of Navigation Breakfast a Hit

Kathleenn Michalchuk, Social Committee

Thank you to Thunder Bay Yacht Club members for your support in helping make this another successful breakfast! We fed approximately 140 people and filled their bellies with bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, pancakes, hash browns, toast and fruit salad.



Kathleen would like to thank her *awesome* volunteers: Jim & Barb, Andrea, Paul and Clare, Bev and Ken, Beverley, Shannon, Dawn, Sami, Deb, and Reg. Your time and efforts are much appreciated. We couldn't do it without all of your helping hands.

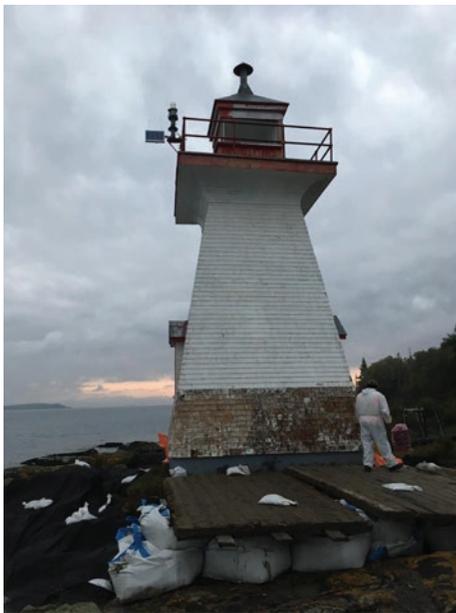


Number Ten Lighthouse Gets Substantial Clean-Up

Paul Morrallee, TBYC Secretary & CLLS Acting Managing Director

Some boaters this summer might have seen some strange goings on at Number Ten Lighthouse situated near Shaganash Island. The inside north channel light has guided commercial fishing boats and the like past these islands, east and west for over a hundred-and-seven years. Standing 24 feet, the wooden light tower was rebuilt after a fire in 1922 and was automated in 1954, forty years prior to most lighthouses on Lake Superior.

In August a large barge appeared off of Silver Islet coming from Thunder Bay, consisting of: a medium sized backhoe, boom lift, sand bags and a works container. The barge offloaded the work supplies before returning to Thunder Bay along with a crew of five. A local contractor familiar with lead paint abatement had been hired by Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) to remediate the site and put it back to a pristine state.



Some consultations with the lighthouse group did take place prior to the contractor working on the site to ensure that visitors would be kept safely away from the site as dangerous lead levels were present. The work to remediate the cedar shake light tower was slated for a six week period and from several eye witness accounts, the process was slow.

Not only was the paint removed from inside, but the light tower grounds, where garbage dumps had been found, were removed. This will allow future visitors a place to visit safe from lead paint, broken glass and rusted cans.

Canadian Lighthouses of Lake Superior (CLLS) could take over ownership of this surplus light to expand further on public's access and amenities. For this to occur many things must be completed for example; land survey, title search, First Nations claims, mining rights, safety audit and finally an environmental review. With resources put aside for lighthouse remediation by DFO, it is hoped that CLLS will see some further action to take over these surplus sites.

Currently other assessments are being made on the two (2) other lighthouses leases held by CLLS. It would be too early at this time to make any announcements but considering the work achieved by members, associate members, and community clubs such as the TBYC, it is hoped that soon we will hear of more work to be undertaken by DFO. This summer the Slate Islands were fully remediated.

Number 10 lighthouse hosts an Outward Bound work party of nine paddlers in 2016.



2017 Racing Season Ends in Style

Bob Vander Ploeg, Fleet Captain Sail

AHOY! 2017 proved to be yet another great season of sail racing, with some tight rivalries across all of our fleet's three divisions.

We closed off the 2017 racing season with the Chilli Buns Classic as the Friday evening pursuit race on October 13. The weather was late-season beautiful: clear, cool, and windy! Eight boats participated, and the race was won by *Flying Circus* with a very close finish. Thank you to Sandy, Kathy, and Casey Sellers for hosting the post-race chilli feast at On Deck Sports Bar.

Racing results for all races and series have been distributed by email, and series scores will be published on the club website.

Eric Hill of Sea Survival Mobile Seminars has been contacted about putting on a sea survival seminar for our club this winter. Three club members attended this two-day event in Minneapolis last year and had very positive reviews. The seminar includes wet-drill exercises for rescue/survival such as actually boarding a life raft from the water while wearing foul-weather gear and PFD. More information about the course is available at www.seasurvival.ca.

Finally, the race committee is seeking comments, suggestions, or questions aimed at improving our racing program. We are especially interested in feedback aimed at increasing participation, and input from skippers/sailors who are not already racing. Contact Fleet Captain **Bob Vander Ploeg** at **630-3745** or **bobvp@shaw.ca** for more information about the sea survival seminar, or to provide feedback for better racing!



New Sign at Club Office

A new outdoor sign has been installed at the Club office location at 212 Miles Street. We are in suite 202 of the former St. Stanislaus school building.




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