

THUNDER BAY YACHT CLUB

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THE BULLETIN

Celebrating 80 years



from the Commodore

To all TBYC members.

From the Commodore's Desk

As summer draws to a close, it's been a season of hot days and smoky skies — yet we've still enjoyed many great moments out on the water. I hope each of you has been able to make the most of it.

If you've captured any memorable moments, whether in photos or in stories, please send them in to share with fellow members. They are a great way to celebrate the season and inspire each other.

With fall approaching and haul-out on the horizon, please take some time to visit the yard to cut grass and tidy up your storage area. Please note the safety aspects of preparing the cradle pads so they do not need to be held in appropriate position by personnel under the boat, and preposition your blocking. When winterizing your boat, remember to dispose of waste antifreeze and oil in the designated recycling areas — keeping our club and environment clean is a responsibility we all share.

Working together is what keeps TBYC running smoothly and makes our club such a special place. Thank you for all that you do.

Fair winds,

Tim Radul
Commodore

Upcoming Dates

Sawyer Bay to TBay Race	<i>Sunday, August, July 24th</i>
Marina Close	<i>October 15th</i>
Last Haul-out Date	<i>October 22th</i>

**Important.... Please identify your mast if stored on the mast racks ... remove aerials / instrumentation
Address cradle pad position issues prior to haul-out – no one under a boat holding a pad**

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Membership Items

Shannon Whale - Membership Director

There are a few new members awaiting the final step of board meeting approval. To be listed in next newsletter.

And a note to all members... if you are thinking of purchasing a boat from outside the club please note that we are at storage capacity and best to check in with the storage director before going ahead.

The new 'TBYC Members Handbook' was recently emailed to all members... a quick reference guide to all things TBYC. Please review and print a copy for ready reference.

Shannon Whale

And from the Treasurer... A reminder that if you are making a payment via e-transfer to only use the email noted on the invoice payments@tbyc.on.ca.

Safety Awareness

A [TBYC Safety Awareness Document](#) has been developed for safety awareness and guidance regarding activities around the club. Please review this document (click title link or in website document section).

Of particular concern are personnel entering beneath a boat when weight is not supported on the keel. This frequently occurs at haul-out if support blocking or a cradle support pad is not in an appropriate position for the boat. For sailboats, please address prior to haul-out the issues of stubborn jack screw adjustment and cradle pads being unable to maintain appropriate orientation without someone having to hold them. For power boats, it is suggested to pre-position support blocking prior to haul-out. Mark blocking to identify what goes together and where.

From the membership:

Thanks to Chris Unsworth for the photo of moored sailboats at Amethyst Harbour dock during Amethyst Race Weekend....



Photo: Chris Unsworth

Destinations

30th SUNORA Superior North-shore Regatta

The 30th anniversary of the SUNORA event took place through the last week of July, and went to Red Rock and back. Eight boats and their crews (4 boats new to the event) enjoyed a cruise/ race between some of the most beautiful harbours along our fabulous Lake Superior shore with a final stop and celebration at Porphyry Island (our thanks to the CLLS and Paul Moralee for the hospitality and assistance). A banquet in Red Rock with 50 participants and guests celebrated our thirty years with memories and photos. Pot-lucks, a chilli challenge, a nasty squall, beach gatherings, waterfall visits, and some close racing from anchorage to anchorage were also part of the journey, along with great camaraderie and support of fellow boaters. Overall 'podium' results were *NeverLand*, *Giant Flyer*, and *Sirocco*.

Put it on your schedule for next year... July 24 to Aug 1

For more information, visit the SUNORA Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/122572877720>



Photo: Jason Willoughby

Little Bea Globe 5.80 Race Update

We are saddened to report that after crossing most of the Pacific Ocean and arriving in Fiji that TBYC member Dan Turk and his homebuilt Class Globe 5.80 boat *Little Bea* has unfortunately had to withdraw from the round the world Mini Globe Race.

In his announcement Dan notes appreciation for the support from family, friends and corporate sponsors and thanks everyone for the time and effort that has been put into the race campaign. He also writes: *"I am grateful to have had the opportunity to race against the other 14 Class Globe 5.80 competitors in the inaugural edition of the Mini Globe Race but more importantly, create friendships with them and share this wonderful experience that is so unique."* Since July 2023, *Little Bea* safely sailed about 16,000 nautical miles from Halifax, Nova Scotia, crossing the Atlantic Ocean twice, the Caribbean Sea, and the vast majority of the Pacific Ocean. Dan had great results in the Mini Globe Race (3rd place Leg 1, 5th place Leg 2), along with the Class Globe Transat Pre-qualifier (3rd place) and the Class Globe Transat Race (4th place).

We wish him well... *Sail on Little Bea ...*

For more information visit: <https://minigloberace.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/littlebeasailingadventures>



Storage

Nick Kovachis - Storage Director

Mast rack storage is in the process of being organized. My thanks to those members who have assisted in locating and identifying their masts by either club visit to mark them or verbal descriptions... much appreciated. Any extra / unidentified masts will be removed from the racks to maximize storage capacity. Please ensure your mast is adequately identified (boat name in permanent marker at top or bottom – which must be visible when stored). Follow the guidelines for prepping your mast for storage. Ensure any aerials and instruments are removed as well as spreaders. Take the time to properly tie up any loose lines and cables/ rods. Use common sense when locating your masts on the racks to maximize space efficiency (small masts on upper racks please). The lifting davits have been extended 8 inches to make the top row supports more easily accessible.

Ensure you leave the mast carts in the mast rack area. Some members have the habit of leaving the carts all over the yard. If you are one of those members, please remember your mother isn't here to pick up after you.

Yard power distribution upgrades will start in September and run through the fall. Keep your sites tidy to allow access for excavation.

Roadways are in good condition and any trench depressions will be repaired as required.

Outside water spigots were all replaced this summer to ball type valves to minimize leakage. Please do not fasten any of the piping or fittings (wingback 90's) to the posts. The risers must be left loose to prevent damage from frost heaves. Most spigots are installed with 2 way splitters for member convenience.

The new electrical panels are all serviced with 20 amp breakers and 20 amp ground fault receptacles. Your extension cords need to be 12 gauge. Any cords that are suspected to be 14 or 16 gauge will be removed. Consider this your notice to comply. The problem with lighter gauge cords is they could be a fire hazard for your boat if there is a short or heavy load. Also, all outside cords should be weather resistant and not have after-market ends installed.

Trees will be removed this fall/ winter from the upriver side fence. Ensure no boat parts extend over the Tom Jones Company fence.

If you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to contact me @ 807-626-6197

Nick Kovachis

Marina Advisory Committee

Chris Unsworth - MAC Director

Information and updates from the latest MAC meeting

- Fuel tank upgrades at the Marina to start October 15.
- Next year as outlined in the Marina Operating plan, the city will switch to billing by the greater of the slip size or boat size.
- Note the Marina monitors VHF 16
- Drone show planned for August 27-28.

Chris Unsworth

Launch & Haul

Mitch Sandberg - Launch & Haul Director

Hello boaters, hope everyone has been enjoying their summer, and this beautiful weather we have had. Only a couple more months and sadly we will be coming out of the water.

Please remember to have minimal fuel on board for power boats, holding tanks pumped out, dinghy removed from boat. For sailboats, either the forestay or backstay must be removed prior to entering the slip.

Your storage area should be tidy, grass cut, and without debris or hazards. Make sure your blocking is prepared and/or cradle is ready. Ensure the cradle pads will maintain the appropriate orientation without needing anyone to be under the boat to hold them in position, and that jack screws are lubricated. Reminder to have minimum of 2 helpers per boat to assist with haul-out, blocking, and cradle. Ensure you have marked where slings are to be placed.

Make sure your mast has your boat name marked on it and is put away on the storage racks with radio aerials, instrumentation, and spreaders removed. Radar units should be placed on the top rack or removed as they could get broken or can interfere with other masts. If you did not go in the water this year and have a mast on the rack please put your boat name on it. Short masts should go on the upper racks.

Please review the Launch and Haul policy and Guidelines for mast hoist operation found on the website. If you have any questions or need any help please reach out.

Mitch Sandberg



Social

Aaron Tator - Social Director

Ahoy TBYC Boaters,

What a wonderful season it's been out on the water! It's such a pleasure to connect as a community both on shore and on the lake. While haul-out is bearing down on us like a giant laker in the fog, there's still plenty of fun ahead.

Stay tuned for Close of Nav information, which will be sent in a special communication within the next week. We are just waiting on a couple details.

In the meantime, start sending your favourite photos from the season to add to the evening's slideshow; and start tallying things up for the "Most nights on the hook" award. Email social.tbyc@gmail.com

Aaron Tator



Racing

Cam McWhirter - Fleet Captain -Sail

It's been a banner month for the Thunder Bay Yacht Club as local sailors showcased their skill and sportsmanship both offshore and in the bay.

In the recent Trans Superior International Yacht Race, *Northern Harrier* was the top-finishing Thunder Bay Yacht Club boat, earning the inaugural Bill Dunlop Memorial Trophy. This marks the first time the trophy has been awarded, recognizing the first-place Thunder Bay Yacht Club boat in the Trans Superior. The bi-annual award honours the legacy of longtime sailor and club supporter Bill Dunlop and will be a lasting tribute to his contribution to sailing in the region. *Bobsled* and *Bella* followed closely, finishing second and third respectively among Thunder Bay Yacht Club entries. All three crews demonstrated exceptional performance in the challenging race across Lake Superior.

Meanwhile, the annual Amethyst Regatta brought local sailors together this past weekend for a fun and competitive series of races on Thunder Bay. With many club boats taking part, the regatta was a vibrant celebration of sailing and community. Organizers encourage even more participation next year in the Amethyst Regatta—whether you're an experienced racer or a curious newcomer, all are welcome to join and be part of the excitement on the water.

A sincere thank you goes to Ross and Nancy Bailey for their ongoing dedication and hard work in organizing the Amethyst Regatta. Their commitment ensures the event continues to be a highlight of the Thunder Bay Yacht Club racing season.

Looking ahead, the Sawyer Bay Race is set for this Sunday. This shorter race, part of the Near Shore Series, takes boats from Sawyer Bay back to Thunder Bay and offers a great opportunity for sailors to test their skills in coastal racing closer to home.

With strong showings near and far, Thunder Bay Yacht Club sailors continue to make waves—congratulations to all who raced, and good luck to those competing this weekend!

Cam McWhirter

See [TBYC Racing](#) for information such as schedules, notices of race and sailing instructions, registration forms, and announcements, etc.



Clubhouse Report

Jim Heald - Clubhouse Director

All is reported well with the club house. Reminders: Clubhouse bookings can be made by contacting the director. It is everyone's responsibility to clean up after themselves and keep the clubhouse tidy. No smoking or vaping of any sort inside the clubhouse. And if you bring your dog to the yard, please ensure you clean up after it. Dogs must be on a leash, and pets are not allowed in the clubhouse.

Jim Heald 807 476 4671

Lighthouse Flashes

Paul Morralee - Community Engagement Director

Celebrating Porphyry Island & SUNORA Festivities

The Canadian Lighthouses of Lake Superior CLLS was proud to welcome the **SUNORA group to Porphyry Island** this season, where members enjoyed a lively potluck supper, engaging presentations, and well-deserved awards. Thanks to the dedicated **lighthouse group**, transport was smoothly arranged from the Edward Island anchorage to Porphyry Harbour, ensuring everyone could join in the fun.

Whether by sail or power, our members have been making the most of this stunning destination—taking in the **panoramic views, fascinating geology, and rich maritime history** that align with TBYC's mission. As a reminder, a small portion of your **membership dues** supports the upkeep of this special site, ensuring it remains a cherished stop for all.

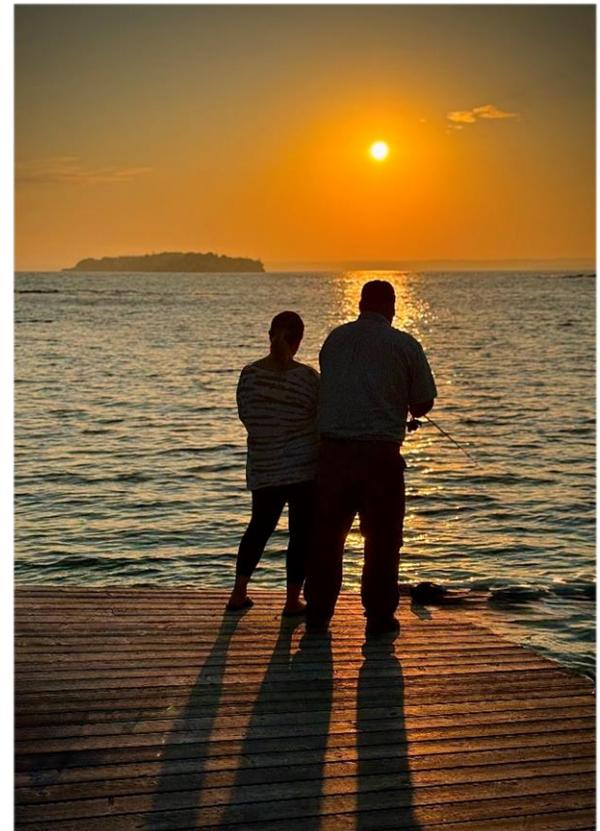
This year's **Lighthouse Carnival** was a standout event, featuring **Vic Miller's famous fish and chips** and an eclectic mix of local musicians bringing East Coast vibes to the shores of Lake Superior. With boaters visiting from near and far—including some from the U.S.—it's been a season of connection and adventure.

The lighthouse will remain **open until mid-September**, with programming for all to enjoy. Whether you've already visited or are planning your first trip, we invite you to experience this piece of **Lake Superior's heritage**.

Fair winds and smooth sailing,

Paul Morralee

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from the Newsletter editor

My thanks to those directors and club members who submitted information for this newsletter. And my appreciation to all those members who read it.

Although primarily communication from the club, it is also every member's newsletter, and certainly improved with your submissions or ideas. If you have a story of any sort, a boat project, a maintenance tip or advice, suggestion for some reading or place to visit, a photograph, etc., please send it in. No matter how small, any submission will be of interest and welcomed. And if there is something you'd like to see in the newsletter, please let me know.

Andrew Haill aghaill at tbaytel.net



A continuation of navigation themed postage stamps with the prize-winning 1759 watch by John Harrison that finally allowed accurate determination of longitude

TBYC Board of Directors 2025

Contact information for the Board of Directors is listed within the member side of the website, ... or make a general inquiry to admin@tbyc.on.ca

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