

DOCKSIDE SCUTTLEBUTT

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The Newsletter of The Fanshawe Yacht Club of London, Ontario.

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Bert Renes went to a lot of trouble and expense in constructing and installing the ladders to assist ingress and egress to the tenders. However, it is apparent that the most northerly ladder is always out of use because of the docking of the safety boat. Let's move the ladder a few feet farther south where there was a gap left in the row of tires to accommodate it.

Also, the water level is dropping and the ladders are proving their worth. On July 30, with the water below the tires, we with aging joints would have had a hard time to get in or out of the tenders without the ladders. However, to be available in these conditions, the row boats should be returned to the ladders for the next person to use. Let's make these ladders really work as intended.

Our hard working Membership Chair, Otto Biskaborn, will be having hip surgery on or about August 28. We wish him well and will miss his contributions to the Club in many areas other than the Membership duties. Otto, hurry back!

Hard to believe that we are already talking about the Club Championship and Pumpkin Regatta. Where has the summer gone? However, September sailing can be glorius!

When I joined the Club in 1974, every Sunday afternoon was Race Day. The lake was filled with Wayfarers, Y-Flyers, Lightnings, Albacores, Flying Scots, International 14's, and so on. Cruisers were virtually unheard of except for the onset of the Siren fleet to which I added with mine. We tried to stay out of the way of the racers - -

- - - In addition to the races, in which they also participated, the young folks with their Lasers were always entertaining with their youthful exuberance.

Later you will read of their planned reunion in August. Though the Laser sailors are a bit more mature now, the event may well be as entertaining as the Dragon Boat Races, to be held the same weekend.

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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP & CORN ROAST

Saturday August 30 & 31

(SKIPPER & CREWS MUST BE CLUB MEMBERS)

Saturday Registration 9.00 am to 10.00 am

Skippers Meeting 10.30 am - - First Race 11.00 am
(3 races on Saturday)

On Sunday

First Race 10.30 am (2 races On Sunday plus The Championship Race)

COSTS

Race Cost - Double-Handed \$30.00

Single-Handed \$20.00 - Junior (Under 19) \$15.00

Lunch Included

And then the -

CORN ROAST!!!

Starting around 5.00 pm

Sign up sheet in the Chalet

We must know the approximate quantities of food to buy

Costs for items - pop, corn, hot dogs \$0.50 per item but Coffee is free

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SAFETY BOATS & CORN
ROAST CALL BRIAN PERRY 660-4174 OR
MIKE WAREING 473-8113 TO OFFER TO HELP!!**

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1 Report from the Vice Commodore Summer of 2003.

The 2003 sailing season is half over and most things around the club have been running smoothly so far. The weather has co-operated and we have not had to contend with high water levels as we have had to in previous years. In fact the lake level is down nearly two feet lower than normal and the ladders that Bert Renes installed are being used by many to get in and out the row boats.

During the sailing season it is often necessary to have small work parties to fix such things as Sailing School docks, moorings, and other odd and ends that continually need some maintenance. So far this summer we have had to repair the sailing school docks twice. I would like to thank Brian Perry for his assistance in looking after fixing these docks. It was also necessary to repair the ramps to the South Docks because of broken and loose boards. This was done thanks to Ravi Gupta, Rob Penninga and Brian Perry. The mooring field was expanded by four moorings due to many of the new members requiring moorings for their larger boats, thanks to John Myatt, Ravi Gupta, Wally MacKinnon and the newest member of our club, Blair Poetschke, who had been assigned Bob Henry's mooring temporarily. Brian Perry has also fixed the kitchen sink and water tap located on the main dock.

The leasing program has attracted several new members to our club, we have signed up eight people as of the August 1st.. We have finally decided to put the Albacore on a mooring after trying it on a trailer both in the parking lot and on the beach. Ravi Gupta has now placed some posters around the club advertising the use of this boat.

We now have only 6 mooring left in reserve. I guess that is a good sign as our club has now grown to approximately 117 members. This number is 8 members short of our 2003 goal. We still might sign up a few members yet. Your club executive have been attending each of the final nights of the adult sailing program and offering these students an opportunity to sail for the

remainder of the 2003 sailing season for the reduced rate of \$67.00 plus the gate fee.

We can always use helping hands, if there are members who would like to assist with any unscheduled maintenance jobs around the club I would be only too glad to provide their names to the people who have been asked to oversee these projects.

Steve Currie

Vice Commodore 2003

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INTERNATIONAL SAILOR MIKE

or Waupoos or Bust!!

Heres a few notes from the cruise week of June 20

After hearing of a nice marina in Waupoos Ontario it was decided the group would spend at least one night at this destination west of Kingston Ontario. This would be the farthest west the group had ever gone.

On June 20th I was off to Wellsley Island New York with Rose, our VN23 in tow. The drive down 401 and through Toronto was fairly painless. Coming out from lunch, I noticed the left trailer tire was soft so off into Cobourg to get that repaired. After launching in Wellsley, it was a short motor over to Canoe Point State park to meet with some of the other Trailer/Sailor group and spend the night. It had been decided that on Sunday morning the entire group would sail west toward Waupoos. Saturday I left Rose at the dock and boarded Sandpiper for a ride up to Heart Island and the famous Boldt Castle. This trip took most of the day and we returned to Canoe Point to find the rest of the group docked for the night.

On Sunday morning we left for Kingston but most of the flotilla took a different route than Rose and 2 other boats. As it turned out we made the best choice as after clearing the Gananoque Cut, we took off and sailed right past without having to adjust the sails. Entering the narrows west of Gananoque, I started the motor and powered out into the 40 Acre region of the Thousand Islands.

On this trip I expected to see but did not find Derek Innes on his Dart. I also expected to see the other Trailer/Sailors far ahead as their course was shorter

than mine. However they got caught with no wind in the Island channels and were no where to be seen. Rose was way west on the 40 Acres before another sail appeared. Overnight was spent at Confederation Basin in downtown Kingston. Dinner at the Kingston Brewery.

Next morning it was decided to have a short (12 mile) sail to the Loyalist Cove Marina near Bath Ontario. This was a very pleasant sail and upon arriving we found the marina staff to be most accommodating. Dinner was on shore using the marina BBQs. After the food the "Soggy Bottom Boys" got out their instruments and commenced pickin' and a grinin'. The fun and music continued till dark.

Waupoos was still 16 miles away and we set sail next morning in light air. Once out in Lake Ontario, wind and seas built till Rose was down to a reefed main and staysail. Other than to go off shore to clear Green Island, (actually a submerged reef) it was a fairly straight course into the Waupoos Marina. While

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telling us the Rec hall would be open all night it was found locked tight so there was no party here! This would be the farthest west the group had ever gone.

The next day's destination was Cape Vincent N.Y. some 34 miles straight east out into Lake Ontario. Because of a mist this would also put us out of sight of land. GPS co-ordinates were installed and off we went in strong winds from behind and 1- 2 foot waves. Other than going south a bit to avoid Green Island, it should be a straight shot to the mouth of the St Lawrence river. All was going well till one of the skippers was too busy with his new electronic gadgets to notice small birds standing in the water not getting their bellies wet --- Green Island!! It took 3 other boats at full power to tow him off the rocks. The only damage was a broken keel cable. There is no substitute for vigilance and good chart reading abilities.

As Rose was in the front group we were left to shepherd some new folks while boats went back to aid in the rescue. We were scooting along at 5.5 - 6 knots and were soon out of sight of all other boats. Pigeon Island came out of the mist right on schedule as did Charity Shoal and Allan Otty Shoal. Soon we could make out the shore line ahead. Some debate among the sailors ensued as some had different co-ordinates for Cape Vincent. Rose won out and we arrived in Cape Vincent as planned. The night was spent at the town dock which is free.

Next day took us up to Clayton, New York, home of an excellent Antique Boat Museum. We had lunch there, toured the museum and had an ice cream cone before shoving off back west to Cedar Point state park for the night.

Our final day saw us return to Canoe Point via Gananoque. Just a reverse to what Rose had done on the trip to Kingston earlier in the week. This time through, Derek saw me coming and sailed along with me for about 15 minutes. This was a great ride and a reach most of the way. That night on shore there was a pot luck BBQ, the players played and the singers sang. The fun ended when darkness set in.

In the morning it was time to head back to Wellsley, load up and head home. It had been a great week with no rain, the cold lake water kept the air temperature very pleasant if not cool at times. This week saw us travel the greatest distance during these cruise weeks. The GPS waypoint to waypoint distance totalled 134 miles. Add to that for avoiding land-reefs plus tacks taken we must have sailed well over 200 miles.

All folks were pleased to have made the run, Who knows where we'll go next June for the 11th Thousand Islands Cruise
Week. 6

-- A few statistics --

8 boats in total - 1 VN23 - 3 Macgregor 25s - 2 Macgregor 26s
2 Macgregor 26Xs - 18 skippers and crew

Sailormike of the Rose

PS - A jury rigged repair was made to the Mac 25 so the keel could be retracted for loading on the trailer to go home.

CLASSIFIED

FOR SAIL -

Hearing nothing to the contrary, I can only assume that the boats that were for sale for the last few months are still available. Hans Schaffner must still have that lovely Rhodes 19 stored away in company with his celebrated Y-Flyer that

has won many races. Give Hans a call at 471-7330. With a choice like this, you can be a "Class" racer or a cruiser.

Would it be possible to list my boat for sale in Scuttlebutt. I did not join the club this year as I just have not been able to get out sailing enough (0 - 6 times per year since I bought the boat).

Koma 16 "Link" with trailer, upgraded Harken blocks, asking \$1200 o.b.o. Contact Ted Robb at (519) 850-7666.

FOR SALE - Schaefer Marine Inc, Main Sheet complete with two sets of pulleys with locking cleat and quick release snap shackles and 38 feet of 1/2 inch line. This item retails for approximately \$130.00 to \$150.00 at Abbott's. It has never been used as it does not fit my boat. Asking price \$60.00 OBO. Call Steve Currie at 641-4567.

GPS SCHOOL

With the proliferation of those wonderfully accurate little navigational gadgets, there is an apparent need for some training for those of us not so technically capable. Steve Currie is arranging for a trainer from the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron to conduct a GPS instructional course on August 25 and 26 at the club. There will be a small cost involved, likely around \$20.00 and non FYC persons are welcome. Give Steve a call at 641-4567 if interested.

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The ANNUAL PUMPKIN REGATTA OCTOBER 4 and 5, 2003

**Registration starting at 8:30 AM Saturday
First Race 11:00 AM**

	Regular	Junior	Novice
Cost Double Handed	\$35:00	\$15:00	\$5:00
Cost Single Handed	\$28:00	\$ 8:00	\$3:00

(lunch included)

Sail just one day and pay half price - lunch not included

FROM THE CALENDAR

OCTOBER 17 - ALL BOATS MUST BE OFF THE MOORINGS

OCTOBER 18 - FIRST WORK PARTY - MAIN GATE - 9:00 AM

OCTOBER 19 - PARK CLOSES - 2:00 PM

OCTOBER 25 - SECOND WORK PARTY - NORTH GATE - 9:00 AM

NOVEMBER 15 - ANNUAL BANQUET

NOVEMBER 17- GENERAL MEETING RE 2004 BUDGET

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MORE NEW MEMBERS

Membership Chair person Otto Biskaborn advises that we have still more members joining either as full members or those who lease boats and we welcome Ted DeBoer, Tom Howes, Shawn Dyson and Blair Poetschke to our club. Please take every opportunity to say hello and introduce yourself and likely make some new friends.

Last issue, we announced that Mr. Fred Eidt had joined the Club. In mid-July, the London Free Press reporter Kate Dubinsky did an excellent story on our new member, "Major" Fred. Seems his big white cruiser was stored in the club parking lot while he completed his tour of NATO duty with the Canadian Armed Forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Fred pilots the CH-146 Griffon tactical support helicopter that can hit speeds of 260 MPH. Being in the Reserves, or Militia as we called it 50 years ago, our Canadian part timers can complete an overseas tour of a month while the U.S. National Guard seems to be called up for the duration. In any event, we are glad Fred and his family moved to London and when he is in his boat, we will have an opportunity to try to keep up with him. If you saw the great picture of Fred in the Free Press, kneeling in his flying gear with the Griffon in the background, you should recognize him at the club. Be sure to say "hello".

EXTRA RACES ON RACE NIGHT!!

On July 30, after the weekly Wednesday Night Races, we regulars had gathered on the deck of the Race Hut to socialize and have a coffee. From the distance, but with increasing intensity, came the roar of outboard motors. Two of our Sailing School boats were racing back to their dock, their track hard on our mooring field. With the sound of their motors, they could not hear our wails of "NO WAKE" as they sped by. However, as a credit to whomever tunes the motors, they were at exactly the same speed with no one gaining an advantage.

About 15 years ago, I brought in my Sirius 22 complete with a motor. Well, the FYC purists reproached me saying that if I needed a motor, then my boat was too big for the lake. I ignored them, keeping my distance when I could, and before long other motors began to appear. When they say "to any action, there is a reaction" is quite true in this regard. The campers, seeing our motors petitioned the UTRCA to let them have motors bigger than those little electric ones. The UTRCA agreed but with a 9.9 HP Limit. The reason behind the restriction to small motors only was to lessen the erosion of the gravel shore lines. At Wildwood, with grassy banks, any motor is permissible as far as I

know. So guys, please slow down before we get another petition started!! We don't want to have to dodge water skiers!

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GOOD NEWS FROM THE COMMODORE

(Originally dispatched by e-mail)

Hello to all: I thought it would be great to share some good news!

Marc Lacoursiere has informed me that the Trillium Foundation Application in the sum of \$96026.00 was sent via courier to the Trillium Foundation Friday, July 18/2003. I think we owe Marc a round of applause for the hard work he and Michelle Patten, FYC Treasurer, put into getting this application ready.

For those of you that do not know, this application is not a one page form but rather a 20 page document (more like a book) building the case for the funding we have requested from this government agency.

Not only does it involve a great deal of forethought but a lot of co-ordination with our partners for support such as the OSA, YM/YWCA, City of London, Memorial Boys and Girls Club and Community Living.

Feel free to pass the word around to members that dont have email. If any of you would like a copy, the e-mail version of what was forwarded can be sent to you to print out. I have various versions of drafts, however, if you contact me, I will ensure that you get the final version.

Kindest Regards
Carl Holland
FYC 2003 Commodore
686-9649

FYC LASER SAILOR REUNION

PURPOSE - The idea of the weekend is to get together with old friends, celebrate the 50th anniversary of Fanshawe Yacht Club and **HAVE A GOOD TIME!** But - bring your own food and stuff for the junk food buffet!

SCHEDULE - A - Registration Friday, August 15 or maybe the 16th AM!

This will be held in the clubhouse. Sailors will hopefully bring any memorabilia and spread it out on tables for display throughout the weekend. It would be great if people have slides and or videos. These may be shown as part of the entertainment Saturday evening.

B - Fun on the water (Saturday August 16, 2003)

There will be a variety of different activities on the water that test skill and also promote participation. People can choose to be in as many or as few activities as they choose. However, there will be an overall points total champion for participation and success. Here are some possible activities -

- I Actual Races - Short triangle**
- II Parent/Child Team race**
- III Next Generation Race**
- IV Spouses only**
- V Backwards Race**
- VI Slalom Challenge Elimination**
- VII Laser Frisbee**

- VIII Stuffing a Laser (Most bodies on a Laser)
- IX Anything goes Propulsion race - (need light winds)
- X First Shall Be Last - plus lots more!!!

C - Racing and Presentations - Sunday August 17, 2003

See our FYC Web Site for more events - sounds hilarious!

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SAILING SCHOOL

Sailing School Director Josephine Scarlett advises that the instruction programs have been running well to date. There is a slight drop in adult class enrolment but the youth programs were virtually at capacity.

On Thursday, August 28, the Sailing School has it's annual "Awards Night" running from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Unless thwarted by the weather, too little or too much wind or rain could change the plans, the students will put on a display of their newly learned skills for their parents. We used to take parents out on the water for a closer view of the race using the barge but of course, insurance regulations preclude using a vessel not designated and approved for carrying passengers. If any members want to take parents out on their own boats, a la the "Open House", they will be welcomed.

Following this "event", the students and their parents/guardians are treated to a hamburg/hotdog dinner. Otto Biskaborn has been our normal operator of the "wienie warmer" in the kitchen but this year, of course, Otto will be undergoing surgery that day. So, if you would like to meet students and their parents and help with the event, please give Josephine a call at 451-5497.

FINE DINING AT ARCHIES!

Remember the original idea Mike Morris had last year about getting together socially during the long winter while our boats were snow-bound? We had some good times at Archies on Commissioner's Road East at reasonable prices. In fact, at times, the staff were rather overwhelmed by our numbers.

Well, it's not too soon to start thinking of this coming winter. Mike has suggested a series of five nights starting Wednesday, October 15. We would skip December with it's normal activities and end the program in March. These nights are always on a Wednesday so we expect that the November date would be the 19th but this could be determined at the October session.

The dinners were well received by those who attended. A good chance to see old friends, engage in "sailor talk" and generally enjoy ourselves outside of the more formal General Meeting atmosphere. However, the usual make-up of the group followed rather closely that of those who normally go to our General Meetings. It would be nice to see and get to know some new folks!

A great idea from a dedicated Club member. Thank for thinking of this, Mike!

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HEARD OF OUR LEASE PROGRAM??

By Ravi Gupta

The Sailing School and the Club have, over the years, run a lease membership program to encourage people to sail. Not everyone can afford a boat or are able to look after one due to a variety of reasons but would like to sail. Many of our sailing school graduates would like to sail, hence the course, but aren't sure what they want to buy or would like to get some more practice.

This year our club executive has chosen to focus on recruiting new members from the sailing school. In order to encourage membership in the club, the lease membership fees was substantially reduced. Last year, when I joined the lease program, I shelled out about \$300 for the course and another \$300 for the membership and pass. So I was out a total of about \$600 over a two month period. I brought this up with the executive and was pleasantly surprised when they reduced the membership to \$127, car pass included. This is a special one-time offer for first year graduates of the sailing school but I hope it becomes a long term strategy for the club.

Over the winter and spring of this year, the club was donated two Albacores. I was asked to help restore one of them and run the lease program. Due to the bad weather at the beginning of the season the boat did not hit the water till the middle of June. Steve Curie had the sails

repaired for me and I cleaned up the boat. Otto was generous in giving me some wood stain to use. Various members including Dough MacKenzie and Mike Morris also helped with their advice and loan of tools.

The boat has turned out wonderfully. It looks good and the equipment is in great condition, it even has cleats for the jib!

On July 16th, I sailed the boat with a new sailing school graduate in the

Wednesday night race. The boat handled well in the 10-15 knot winds. We settled down and soon found ourselves racing against Len Macdougall. The race was close with Len's Wayfarer and out Albacore taking turns checking out the marks first. My strategy was simple, when I was ahead of Len I covered him and when I was behind I did the opposite. We kept each other on our toes all the way to a nail biting finish. Who won the race? You'll have to wait until the next issue!

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FANSHAWE YACHT CLUB

LEASE PROGRAM

fyclease@yahoo.ca

Become a Co-Op Leasing Member of the Sailing School Boats

SPECIAL OFFER FOR FIRST YEAR SAILING SCHOOL GRADS

\$67.00 Membership

Regular Leasing Membership- \$235.00

\$60.00 Car Pass (optional)

Lease Members get the following benefits

- Key to the Gate
- Full access to the Club grounds and facilities
- First come, first served access to the Sailing School's CL14 when not in use by the school (usually available on weekends and most evening towards the middle of the summer)

How to Join

- 1. Download a membership app from the club web site or call 451-8989**
- 2. Send in your application and the appropriate fees**
- 3. You will be contacted to sign a waiver and given a tour of the premises and To pick up your club key**

ALBACORE LEASE PROGRAM

The club has one Albacore that is available by prior booking. This boat is personally looked after by a Club member and is more stable to sail. Because this is a bigger and heavier boat, lease members who want to use this boat must follow these additional steps.

- 4. Send an e-mail to fylease@yahoo.ca requesting an evaluation session. You will be taken out in the Albacore and tested on your boat handling skills.**
- 5. Sign an additional waiver for the Albacore**
- 6. If approved for this program, you may book the boat by sending an e-mail to fylease@yahoo.ca at least 48 hours in advance of the requested time slot.**
- 7. Check availability and your booking confirmation on line.**



FIRST PRIZE GOES TO - - -

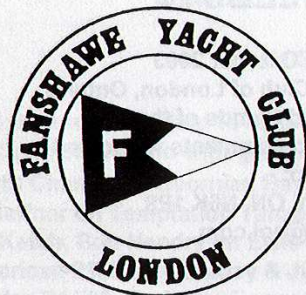
AMY BISKABORN, FYC, LONDON

Each year, the Biskaborn family, the Goldts and friends head to Killbear Provincial Park for camping and sailing. Last year, Amy entered the Park photo contest but received only an “Honorable Mention” – still very good but no Oscar! Not so this year!

With this picture, Amy won first prize and a pair of binoculars, over all the other entrants for the current camping season’s contest. Entry forms are handed out at the gate to all so there is indeed a contest with many entries. This winning picture was prominently displayed in the Park Newspaper.

However, to get this picture, there had to be subjects to photograph.

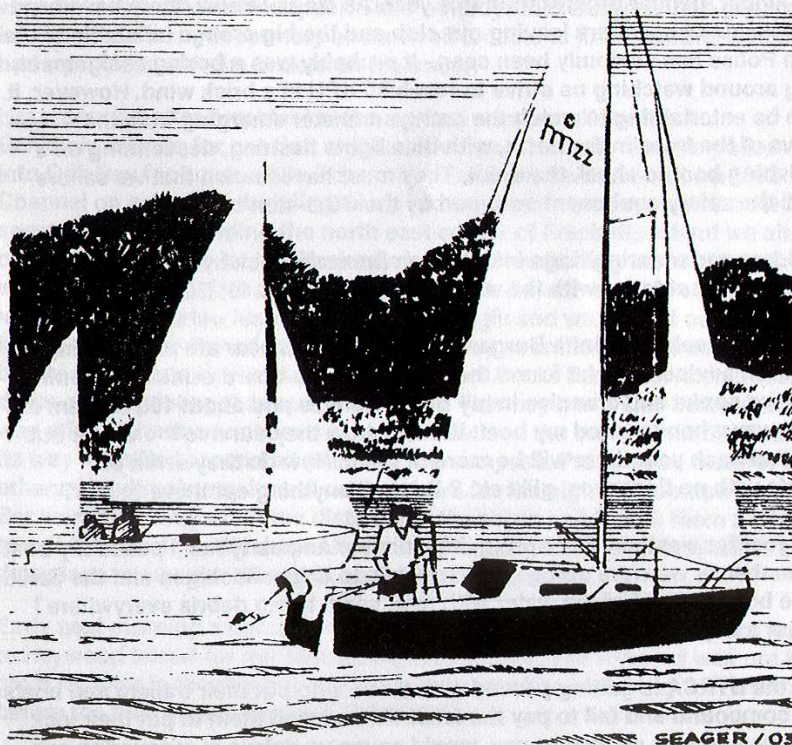
Pictured above, from left to right are Brad Biskaborn, Rick Goldt, “Frank” and Jens Biskaborn in a formation of “line astern” like we used to see on our lake a couple of decades ago! Congratulations Amy!!



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