



THE LARGE AND SMALL AT FYC DURING A WED NIGHT RACE!

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Call for Nominations for Our 2013 Member of the Year

Please submit suggestions to one of the executive for your candidate to receive the 2013 Member of the Year Award to a member of the executive



2013 FYC Executive and Officers

2013 Executive Positions

Commodore	Roy Elworthy
Vice Commodore	Brian Hurst
Rear Commodore	John Kabel
Past Commodore	Paul Chesman
Fleet Captain	Chris Milne
Treasurer	John Bryant
Secretary	Colleen Ellison-Wareing

2013 Sailing School Positions

Director	Mary Watson
Committee Members	Kevin Biskaborn/Paul Chesman/Vera Eames/Roy Elworthy/ Brian Hurst

2013 Contributing Positions

Membership Chair	Bob Magill
Public Relations Chair	Mike Morris
Communications Committee	Sue Goldt
Scuttlebutt Editor	Sue Goldt
Roster & Handbook Editor	Kevin Biskaborn
Harbour Masters	Marc Lacoursiere/Rob Perquin
Dock Marshal	Christopher Fogelman
Parking Area Marshal	Brian Perry
Boat Master	Jim Mackenzie
Safety Officer	Brian Perry
Club Historian	Nina Myers
Sportswear Coordinator	Lori Chesman
Web Site Coordinator	Kevin Biskaborn

Winter Wednesday Night Dinners for all!



Wednesday dinners were created by the sailors who raced regularly on Wednesday and were missing the activity during the non-sailing season. The plan was to meet for dinner at a reasonably priced establishment that would seat the crew together. Over the years, this grew to 20 to 25 FYC members, sailors and paddlers, with friends and family. An excellent way to keep in touch, introduce family members and friends to the club and re-live the summer experiences. Hope you can be there on the second Wednesday of each month.

February 13, March 13 and April 10 are the remaining dates this winter...then... spring ...ahhhhhhhhhhhhh

Location: **Johnny's Restaurant**
Start Time: 6:00 PM
Details: 1910 Highbury Avenue, London, ON.
North East corner of Fanshawe Park Road and Highbury Ave.

NOTE: Please arrive or have someone in your group arrive before 6:00 PM to ensure all sailors and paddlers can be seated together.



ADULT SAILING CLASSES IN 2012

K. BISKABORN

From the FYC Sailing School Boathouse

The first task of the FYCSSC was completed over Superbowl week-end, wherein we raised a glass of cheer, in our own separate domiciles, to honour our outgoing Director, Vera Eames. We thank her for all her hard work and advances that she made during her time as Director. We also wish to thank outgoing members Jeff Eames and Peter Wilkins. Jeff's knowledge and wit always kept meetings lively and Peter was an important resource as to how things had been done. We welcome a new member – Kevin Biskaborn. Although he was technically on the committee in 2012, it was in his role as Manager. We will now be able to enjoy his input as a full member of the committee. Therefore the 2013 committee composition is as follows:

Vera Eames, Past Director
Mary Watson, Director
Kevin Biskaborn
Paul Chesman
Roy Elworthy
Brian Hurst
The next Manager

Vera and I met at the end of January to review files and protocol. Kevin has updated the calendar on the website, we are still working at updating the youth and adult forms for posting. He has also set up a new email address for the school Director: ss.director@fyc.on.ca. A few inquiries have arrived via the website and phone and have been responded to in a timely fashion.

We are in the process of interviewing candidates for instructor and manager positions. There will be a panel of committee members conducting the interviews. Brian Hurst has initiated a sponsorship solicitation and we look forward to the possible results of that.



FYC on Facebook!!!!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Fanshawe-Yacht-Club-Sailing-School/146159228802498>

If you happen to be on Facebook, take a minute to check out our re-organized club page! Find photos, videos, events, media and add your comments to discussions on-line concerning the club. Join the current discussion on the club name:

[What would you change the name of the "Fanshawe Yacht Club" to? What name do you feel would best represent the Club and its activities in the London and greater sailing communities?](#)

Next on our agenda includes advertising, hiring confirmations (and ensuing paperwork), confirmation of Race Team status, ON and Canada Work subsidies and outline of spring preparations.

It is an honour to serve the membership in this capacity. It is fabulous to work with such a talented and dedicated group of volunteers on this committee. We look forward to doing what we can to make 2013 a successful season. If you have any ideas or suggestions on how we can do this, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Mary Watson, FYCSS Director



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P. CHESMAN

Around the Club

1. 2013 Membership : By now, all 2012 FYC members should have received a membership package in the mail. Please note that the membership application must be postmarked or hand delivered prior to March 1. If you cannot locate your form, it can be downloaded from the club website at www.fyc.on.ca. It can be found under the membership tab and downloads.

A separate application form is available there for the Dragon boat club members.

2. Volunteering ; The next newsletter (April) will have the information about the opening of the club with the spring work parties. Please keep in mind that we rely on the membership to help prepare the club for the season and to help throughout the year. The following is the statement on volunteering found in the membership application:



'All members of our club benefit from the low fees we pay. The fees can be kept low because member volunteers carry out many tasks that must be done around the club. Each member family is expected to help with their share of the work: approximately 3 days (24 hours) each year. Please fill in the equivalent of 24 hours using the information below as a guide. If each member family honours their commitment to the club, we will have another successful year. There are many tasks which do not require physical labour and every effort is made to accommodate individual abilities. From assisting at regattas to raking leaves, there are numerous

opportunities to help out. Please be aware that we keep records of attendance at all work parties and other events.'

Keep in mind that working together at the club can be a most enjoyable task and a good way for members to become acquainted while working and over lunches supplied on the work party days.



2013 FYC General Meetings

There are three more General Meetings yet to come:

Dates: February 28, March 28 and April 25

Place: Prevost Building (The Ward Room), 19 Becher St. London

Time: 7 PM

The Minutes and Agenda for each meeting will be sent by email (Canada Post for those without email) 10 days prior to the meeting.

AGM

Report on the 2013 FYC Annual General Meeting – Jan 31

The next general meeting, to be held February 28, will be a full and busy meeting considering the number of motions moved to that date. You will be notified of these motions prior to the meeting. This will be an important work meeting and all your ideas would be appreciated.

Following is a summary of the reports presented at the AGM. I must at this point thank Kevin for all his help with this as I was unable to attend the meeting--

FYC Secretary, Jack Blocker

- A notice of a motion for membership for canoes and kayaks will be brought forward at the February general meeting

FYC Vice Commodore, Brian Hurst

- The south docks will need repair this season.
- It is recommended that the small boat storage racks be moved to create more small boat space closer to the south ramp.

FYC Rear Commodore, John Kabel

- There were three good regattas in 2012; hope for the same success in 2013!
- The wish is to continue the trend of new participants in the regattas
- Thanks to all those members who volunteered to run regattas
- The goal in 2013 will be to increase participation in the regattas and continue to increase the quality of competition

FYC Fleet Captain, Nicolas Callender

- Two needed tasks were completed this year—the barge was filled with foam and the wooden docks chains were replaced.
- This past season, the outboard motors were a problem but this seemed to be solved by switching to a lower ethanol gasoline
- The concrete slab at the end of the south ramp needs to be replaced

FYC Membership Chair, Bob McGill

- In 2012 there were 94 members of FYC (72 were boat owners)and 3 corporate members
- There were 58 Rowbust Dragon Boat members and 68 London Dragon Boat Club members
- There were 7 sailing school instructors

FYC Sailing School Director, Vera Eames

- New initiatives taken in 2012 helped to balance the budget.
- The Open House format was modified in 2012
- A 'PA Day Activity Day' was held for the first time this season. This program is worth repeating in the future. There was one registration from this day.
- Private lessons were held this season.
- A birthday party for adults was held on a Sunday.
- Used Sailing School boats were sold this season.
- The adult class numbers were down in 2012.
- The Callender, Hurst and Wareing families were recognized for hosting Antoine who came from Quebec to sail at FYC. Having Antoine with us made it possible to have a racing team in 2012.

FYC Treasurer, John Bryant

- The club asset value is down, as much was invested in the property value of the club via improvements to the buildings and grounds this past season.
- The club will be operating within the forecasted budget in 2013.
- The club fiscal year is the calendar year.
- Jack Blocker noted the omission on the current balance sheet of the bequest of Josie Scarlett used for purchase of the sailing school docks.
- Improvements on club buildings exceeded work budgeted for in 2012. Some of the work done was unexpected, but needed to be done.
- The accountant will now close the books for 2012 and prepare the document for the auditors.



In 2013, bookkeeping will be done professionally with John Bryant acting as liaison for the club (delivering expense claims to the accountant, and so on). He will retain the title of Club Treasurer for this. For professional accounting, the club will pay \$1800 or roughly \$20 per member. John Bryant will be the **ONLY** contact between the Club and

the accountant. Statements will be provided after the end of each month. The cheque signing authority will remain with the Executive.



When **submitting expense reports**, the report should be submitted to the respective Executive member to which the report relates. Expense reports are to be isolated to only one of the Club or the School (i.e. separate reports for each).

FYC Secretary, Jack Blocker

- Enquiries to the club were up this past year
- The Commodore, Roy Elworthy prefers alternate communication than via email—phone or Canada post!
- FYC archives were updated at Western University.

FYC Past Commodore, Paul Chesman

- Paul submitted the list of nominees for the 2013 club directors and officers. The nominees were accepted.

FYC Commodore, Roy Elworthy

- Roy was absent so Brian Hurst spoke on his behalf.
- Roy welcomed new volunteers who have offered to fill the 2013 club positions
- The hope remains to continue improving the club buildings and grounds.
- This next season will be the celebration of 60 years of sailing on Fanshawe Lake. To celebrate 60 years, Paul Chesman suggested the club invite past Commodores of FYC to the 2013 Commodore's Reception

The January FYC AGM is the meeting where the gavel is transferred to the incoming Commodore and board members for the new year. Certainly we extend our thanks to all the officers who have so generously given of their time and are now moving off the board (is that where walking the plank comes from?)



. Thanks to Jack Blocker for five years as Club Secretary. Most outstanding were the wonderful letters of thanks that Jack sent out to members who volunteered for specific functions. Thanks to Nicolas

Callender for his busy year at the post of Fleet Captain. Hans Schaffner acted as Vice Commodore until mid year in 2012 and we all know how much Hans has done for the club over the years....a remarkable person for getting projects done (siding buildings, building sailing schools, cabinetry in the ladies washroom and on). Many thanks!. Vera Eames is outgoing as Director of the Sailing School and Kevin Biskaborn as Manager but both will remain on the board next year. Great continuity to carry the gains made in the past year! Thanks to Simon Baarbe for acting as Dock Marshal and Ross Green as Club Safety Officer for several years.

"There is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothes". **-Old Norwegian Adage**

Hey FYC sailors...this is your opportunity to form a paddling team to represent FYC!!! We have amazing trainers with us at the club. Just think—a team called the hmmm....tell-tale, fireball, , baggywrinkle, bitter end, brass monkey, no clew, deadeye, floating dock... the list is endless!!



Breaking News: REGISTRATION NOW OPEN !! ... < >

GET READY READY!!!...for the 2nd Annual Fanshawe Dragon Boat Festival!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!

Rowbust is so excited to once again be hosting the Fanshawe Dragon Boat Festival on **June 15, 2013**.

Teams, paddlers, sponsors, vendors & volunteers....every single one of you contributes to make this event a great day for everyone. Please check out all the ways that you can participate in another fabulous day of friendly competition and community spirit.

Once again, [Photographers for Charity](#) will be onsite to capture all the race action and beautiful scenery at the Doug Wells Rowing Centre, Fanshawe Lake, London, Ontario. Visit their website to view pictures of last year's festival.



Proceeds from this event help support the Rowbust organization, assisting in club operating costs and the continued growth of our community outreach programs. Charitable Registration No. 862122199RR0001

New in 2013 - Make a Difference, One Stroke at a Time!

This year, the Fanshawe Dragon Boat Festival is proudly supporting [London Health Sciences Foundation](#). Paddlers participating in the festival are encouraged to collect pledges with all proceeds of the program going to the [Gene Goudreau Patient Assistance Fund](#). This fund helps patients struggling with the financial burden of cancer diagnosis and treatment. It makes a notable difference in the lives of cancer patients and their families; reducing stress and anxiety, and allowing them to focus their energy on healing. For more information about this fund and the pledge program [click here](#).

Watch the website for for online registration and donations.

Prizes awarded for top fundraisers - team & individual!



Why is it when the little ground hog says spring is just around the corner the temperature drops and the snow starts to fall. It is hard to believe that we are now into February and let us hope that little rodent is correct. Last year we were on the water the first of April and I know most of the members are hoping for the same thing this year.

We have had a busy winter so far. Our workouts at the Athletic Club have stepped up a bit now and we are paddling very Sat morning by the side of the pool at 715am. We have worked hard to bring all interest levels into better balance under the Rowbust umbrella. As a result we have two crews both competitive in nature, but meeting different needs for the members. We are excited to move forward with a new framework to guide us. It has really been like sailing a race. The upwind is always tricky with shifty winds and lots of gambles but once you get on that nice reach leg it is smooth sailing!

At our recent AGM two new board members were welcomed and we said goodbye to two others. We know they will continue working hard on projects already started.

We are once again hosting our annual golf tournament on May 16, 2013 at FireRock. If you would like more information please contact us. The London Dragon Boat festival is set for Sat June 15,2013. Why not put a boatful of sailors together and enter a team! See our website for more details.

We are just in the process of deciding what festivals we want to attend this year. Some familiar places for sure but perhaps some new venues , new faces and new friends! We better not blink because before we know it April will be here! Enjoy the rest of the winter and we are looking forward to being back at our second home, FYC!

Until the next newsletter.....

Paddles up

Jill Wilson on Behalf of Rowbust Dragon Boat Racing Team

The Kinsmen Fanshawe Sugar

Bush is getting festive to celebrate 40 years of history. Now known as the Kinsmen Fanshawe Sugar Bush Maple Festival, the area will be open March 2-4, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24 and all of the March Break, March 11-15. The sugar bush will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with the last tour of the day leaving at 3:30 p.m.

SAILING 60 YEARS ON LAKE FANSHAWE!!

On December 1952, the Fanshawe Dam was completed to control the flooding of the Thames River, thus creating Fanshawe Lake - the home of our club.



By the end of April 1953, following the completion of the Fanshawe Dam in December 1952, Fanshawe Lake was a reality, and ready to use. On part of the west shore, there was a strip of sandy beach with a dock and a picnic park. This is where it all began

The first boat to sail on the new lake was a 18' sailing canoe, sailed right off the beach in April 1953 by Jack McClatchie. A few days later, Eric Skelton, a city engineer, put down the first permanent mooring for his dingy "Polly Wog". By the end of June, many more boats had joined the fleet on moorings.



During the summer, rather informal races were held on most weekends. By August, the fleet had grown to 18 boats with a friendly gang of skippers wondering how they could keep in touch through winter and make plans for the next summer's sailing. At this point, Jack McClatchie invited the group to

meet at his home, and talk about forming a club to represent them before the Conservation Authority.

A committee was appointed to explore all the shores of the lake. With the approval of the Upper Thames Conservation Authority, the committee chose the location which the Club now occupies.

Everyone enjoyed a summer of good sailing in 1953, but the club was so loosely organized that it existed in a hand-to-mouth fashion. No firm plan was in place to ensure the succession, or the relief, of the elected members burdened with the management of the club. The club was growing, but so was the reluctance of many members to accept a nomination for office.

On Wednesday August 19, 1953, a well-attended business meeting was held. At this meeting, a more structured organization was formed, with the name of "Fanshawe Yacht Club" (FYC), and a formal staff of Flag Officers to be elected each year for a one-year term of office. A secretary, treasurer and a social convener were also elected that year and each year that followed. The position of [Commodore](#) was introduced in 1956.



This article was created by Kevin Biskaborn for our club website! Note that "yacht" is already in quotation marks and the 'schooner' comment.

The 2013 highs and lows of Fanshawe Lake at the north ramp

January 2013 H Schaffner



October 2012 S Goldt

MEETINGS

2013 Executive Meetings: the first Monday of each month.
2013 General Meetings: the last Thursday of the month

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2013

Feb 28	General Meeting 7:00 PM HMS Prevost Building (The Ward Room), <u>19 Becher St. London</u>
Mar 28	General Meeting 7:00 PM HMS Prevost Building (The Ward Room), <u>19 Becher St. London</u>
Apr 20	Spring Work Party #1
Apr 25	General Meeting 7:00 PM HMS Prevost Building (The Ward Room), <u>19 Becher St. London</u>
Apr 26	Fanshawe Conservation Area Opens for the season
Apr 27	Spring Work Party #2
May 4	Moorings Work Party
May 19	Commodore's Reception and Sail past – season opening social
May 25/26	Open House
Jun 1/2	Commodore's Cup / June Bug Regatta—Open
Aug 24/25	Club Championship Regatta—Club Regatta only
Sept 7	Sailing School Work Party
Oct 5/6	Pumpkin Regatta- Open
Oct 19	Fall Work Party #1
Oct 20	Fanshawe Conservation Area Closes for the season
Oct 26	Fall Work Party #2
Nov TBA	Annual Banquet
Nov 28	Annual Budget Meeting 7:00 PM HMS Prevost Building (The Ward Room), <u>19 Becher St. London</u>

To fill those winter hours—here is a website to check

<http://www.explorersweb.com>

This site follows adventurous people all over the globe as they retry or try new explorations on land, ocean, space. Everything from the parachute jump from space to the adventures of the sailboat Belzebug through the Arctic last summer. Blogs, photos and videos to keep you happily lost in nature while hunkered down (especially with the snow falling today! Wasn't there a boat parked in the drive yesterday?)

**How to Calculate the Distance to the Horizon
or an object on the horizon**

If you want to know the distance to the horizon you simply have to know your height of eye. That is the distance that your eyes are off the surface of the water.

Once you know your height of eye you simply plug that into the following formula:

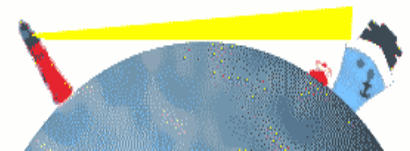
$$1.17 \text{ times the square root of your height of eye} = \text{Distance to the horizon in nautical miles}$$

For example, if your height of eye is 9 feet above the surface of the water, the formula would be:

$$1.17 \text{ times the square root of } 9 = \text{Distance to the horizon in nautical miles.}$$

$$1.17 * 3 = 3.51 \text{ nautical miles}$$

If you want to calculate the distance at which an object becomes visible, you must know your height of eye and the height of the object. You then do the same calculation for your distance to the horizon and the object's distance to the horizon and add the distances together. For example:



You have the same height of eye of 9 feet so your distance to the horizon is still 3.51 nautical miles. You're approaching a port that has a lighthouse that is shown on your chart to have a height of 81 feet. Using the same formula you would find that 1.17 times the square root of 81 ($1.17 * 9$) = 10.53 nautical miles (the light house can be seen 10.53 nautical miles over the horizon)

By adding the two together: $3.51 + 10.53 = 14.04$ nautical miles, you should be able to see the lighthouse when you are 14.04 nautical miles away.

How to start snowkiting

Want to try snowkiting this winter? Here's everything you need to know

By [Ryan Stuart](#)

Photo by Gary Davidson

“All you need is snow and a little wind,” I’m told.



Who knew? As a downhill skier, I used to look at acres of light, fluffy snow coating frozen lakes as a waste—all that untrackable powder. But I was wrong. Harness those pesky winter gusts with a kite and skis, a.k.a. snowkiting, and all that flatland suddenly becomes an unlimited powder playground, complete with high speeds, air time and, best of all, no lift lines.

Snowkiting is kiteboarding’s easier and more accessible cold-weather cousin, perfect for frigid-season weekend fun on your corner of the cottage lake. “Far more people can kite on snow than on water because you won’t sink if you make a mistake,” says Paul Berube, the lead instructor at [PBKiteboarding](#), a Toronto company that teaches snowkiting on Lake Simcoe near Keswick. “We’ve had everyone from twelve-year-olds to seventy-year-olds do it.”



Lessons are a good idea, and they smooth the learning curve. Even training kites measure two metres across and have four strings and a control bar. It’s no butterfly on a string. In novice hands, these powerful kites can streak back and forth at the end of the line like a spooked horse. But, as with a horse, finesse, not power, rules. Anyone can tame one; within a couple of hours, most people ski off, leaving rooster tails of snow in their wake.

It’s easy to get 20 feet of air, Berube says, with as little as 15 km/h of wind. Which explains snowkiting’s rapid growth. “The number of people doing it grows every year,” he notes. “Wind power is the future.

1. Learn to fly With a small trainer kite at the end of the control bar; you’ll practise steering the kite with your feet stationary. The goal: Move the kite from

the power position—approximately 45 degrees off the horizon—to the almost overhead stall position, with consistent control.

2. Learn to ski Step into a board or ski binding, launch the kite, and let the wind take hold. Steer the kite into the power position, downwind and in front of you. Edging the skis against the pull of the kite creates forward momentum. The goal is to ski at an angle to the wind, like a sailboat on a tack. Use a smaller kite to keep the speeds manageable as you become comfortable sliding in one direction.

3. Learn to turn **Swinging** the kite overhead from the power position stalls forward momentum and kills your speed. Do this correctly and you’ll retain just enough forward motion to turn 180 degrees across the wind. Drop the kite into the wind again and away you’ll go in the opposite direction.

4. Learn to jump (Once you’re experienced). The best part of snowkiting: no ramps required for jumps. Gather speed in the power position, pitch the kite upwards to create lift, pick up your feet, and float through the air. After 15 to 20 feet of gliding, you’ll gently sink back to the snow.

How and where to learn this winter sport

Snowkiting—harnessing the power of the wind to propel you on skis or a snowboard—is easier and more accessible than kiteboarding. Why not try it this winter? First, you’ll need some lessons:

Snowkiting schools Ontario

PB Kiteboarding

416-462-3791; pbkiteboarding.com

This Toronto kiting school teaches introductory classes north of the city on Lake Simcoe near Keswick. Courses include both lessons and theory on snow.

Kiteloft

705-888-0627; kiteloft.ca

This school is located in Barrie, one hour north of Toronto. They teach beginner snowkiting on Kempenfelt Bay and Cook’s Bay. They also specialize in equipment repair.

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