

Soundings



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Loon Caller: Troubles in Paradise

On a lovely Friday morning in June, we wanted to head for the French.

First problem was the dinghy. Donnie MacNabb found our problem and helped us on our way.

We reached Glen Echo cottages when Bang, Bang, Bang, and smoke billowed from the rear. An unknown fisherman kept us off the rocks and the owner of Glen Echo, Scott Nelson, came to help. He tried Harper's Marina in Callander to no avail. Luckily, the wind was blowing toward the club and Bill Stewart was there to catch the line.

We were telling our woes to Mike Jeffery when he said "wait a minute, my friend Brian is coming and he knows Yanmar diesel motors." True, he took out the fuel pump and Dan Faulkner had a replacement. We were all fixed in half an hour, but too tired to start, so waited until morning.

Saturday was uneventful and Rascal Too was happy to see us safe and sound.

Sunday was rainy but Monday morning things looked good. Just out of the French River, the motor quietly died. Again luck was with us as the wind took us back towards the club. Rather a hectic ride and when we got to the club the wind was pushing us towards the rocks.

Doreen and Mogens had noticed when we put up both our sails in unwarranted conditions that we were in trouble and kept an eye on us. Mogens came out in the work boat to keep us off the rocks. Many were on the dock to catch the wayward boat.

Brian came back to correct this problem, with the help of Dave Britton.

We just wanted to say thank you to all who helped us. This is what our club is about.

Ray and Jeanette Wilmot

Loon Caller

Important Dates

Bay Race	July 31
Lake Race	Aug 6
Bay Race	Aug 7
Circle Raft Up	Aug 12
Bay Race	Aug 14
Fiddlefest	Aug 12-19
Fish Fry	Sept 1

Executive Meeting Highlights

- Discussed code of conduct/mission statement
- Job descriptions for executive positions almost completed
- Discussed definition of "plugging in" at the dock
- Fee for ice increased to \$2.50
- Poison ivy to be removed
- Investigated getting rid of weeds in the harbour
- Currently have 78 members
- Investigating what to do about all the ants this year
- Need to remind members to keep docks and areas safe
- AED, fire extinguisher and other safety gear added at the club

Soundings is a monthly newsletter for members of the North Bay Yacht Club. Monthly issues are sent to all members the first half of the month. The editor is Jill Faulkner.

You can also download Soundings from the Yacht Club website at www.nbyc.ca.

If you have any ideas for articles, pictures, or links, please email them to djmfaulkner@cogeco.ca

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Opening Party

Wow! What can I say, but the food was excellent, the room was to capacity (60 people) and everyone had a great time at the Opening Party.

Congratulations to all members who participated in the Flag Raising and Sail Past.

We all thank Bruce King for his superbly delicious variety of food and Lynda O'Shea for doing all the "chopping" and making the wonderful desserts.

Harbour

Reminder

Here are a few reminders for all of us:

- ❖ Keep your halyards tied off so that they don't clang in the wind
- ❖ Keep anchors & bow pulpits from going over docks so that the docks are free of obstacles for the safety of members
- ❖ Make sure electrical cord are not across docks and crossing walkways
- ❖ Don't leave stuff in front of the Nimbin and break down large boxes so that they don't fill the Nimbin
- ❖ Clean up any blocking you have in the parking lot. If not labelled and stacked neatly, it will go into the Nimbin.

Pump Out

The pump out was serviced this past winter and a new simple on-off system installed.

To use the pump out:

1. Screw the adapter into the deck fitting.
2. Attach pump out hose to adapter
3. Press red button.
4. Open the valve
5. When holding tank is empty, close valve.
6. Remove from deck
7. Put nozzle in lake and open valve to rinse out hose.
8. **CLOSE VALVE** and hang up hose.

Pump out will turn off automatically in five minutes.

Clubhouse

Since Bruce had the clubhouse painted, more volunteers have taken the initiative to beautify the club.

A big thank you to Paul Whitehead for painting the two sheds (see picture in progress below). And also to Dan for trimming and painting the Clubhouse door and making the burgee.

If anyone wants to help finish painting the stairs to the clubhouse, let Dan know at djmfaulkner@cogeco.ca.



Racing

Canada Day Regatta

We had another very successful Canada Day Regatta. There were a total of 33 boats in the race. Is that a record?

The day had some wind, then not much, then WAY too much when the squall went through. Everyone got soaked - some more than others! A few of the wayfarers and the catamaran went over in the squall. But everyone made it safely back.

Fortunately, the sun came out afterwards for the music and dinner. It looked like everyone had a great time!

Canada Day Results

Flying Sail

1. J Cool
2. Hot Sheets
3. Ruby Tuesday

White Sail

1. Oshki Nodin
2. Megawatt
3. Arctic Rose
4. Bappas Choice
5. Gatekeeper
6. Mechanic Sweetheart
7. X (Brian Stepaniuk)
8. Tattooed Lady
9. Rascal Too
10. Flying Circus
11. Gale Force
12. Last Shot
13. Excalibur
14. Waiward Wind
15. Roundtuit
16. Knot Seadar
17. Ardea
18. Lazy Wind
19. Notre Amour
20. Claret
21. Hawesitgoineh
22. Holding On
23. Puffin
24. Debonair

Wayfarers

1. Beowulf - David Hansman & David Richardson, North Bay
2. Shades - Al Schonborn & Julia Schonborn, Oakville, ON
3. Chich - Sue Pilling & Steph Romaniuk Parry Sound
4. Afternoon Delight - Brian Hickman & Mike Homer, Brantford
5. Sofje - Chip Cunningham & Robert Mosher, Lansing, MI

Safety

AED - Automated External Defibrillator

We now have an AED at the Club. An AED is a portable device that automatically diagnoses heart attacks and treats them through defibrillation. It uses simple audio and visual commands for use by laypersons.

Bill has kindly installed it inside the clubhouse on the lower level beside the bulletin board.

A demonstration of the device will be held at the September General meeting. there is also a DVD/CD on how to use it that will be uploaded to our website.

We need to find out if there are any members with CPR training, either current or have had it in the past. If you have, please notify Dale Britton at arcticrose@sympatico.ca or 705-724-3948.

Fire Extinguisher

Michel Mino, Safety Officer has purchased a fire extinguisher for the docks. He installed it on the post beside the bottom of the stairs into the clubhouse.

This is for use by anyone in case of fire on the docks or the property. We also have one inside the clubhouse. Let's hope they are never needed!

Clubhouse

Bags of Ice

The cost of ice at the club has increased to \$2.50. Although this is a significant increase, we determined we needed to do this because:

1. the fee we charged for ice had not increased for many years
2. our costs for ice have increased
3. the cost for electricity to run the freezers has increased significantly.

The cost of our ice is still cheaper than elsewhere, plus it's much more convenient!

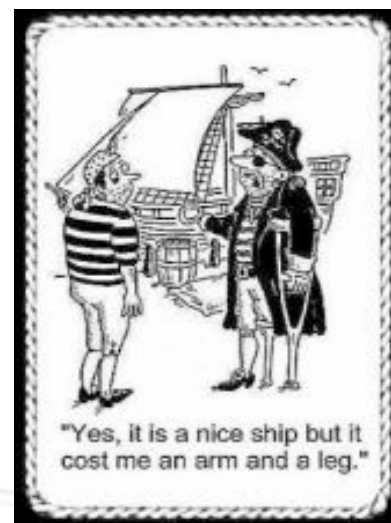
Please be sure when you take some that you write down on the list how many bags you took. Thanks for your cooperation!

Notes

Hand Held VHF Radio

If anyone has an extra hand held VHF radio that they don't know where it came from, Dan and Jill are missing ours. We think we may have lent it out for a race last year, but don't remember to whom.

If you have it, please contact Dan Faulkner at 705-474-6472. Many thanks!



Cruising

Step Dance & Fiddle Fest

Hello all:

Shirley and I were the first paying customers for the new Marina in Sturgeon. KOA Sturgeon Falls are the operators.

The docks are complete with lots of room for overnight slippage. Cost \$15, Pump out is \$15. No fuel yet, but this is available at Marinas on the river. Twiggs is supposed to open mid August, but limited progress has been made on this front.

Personal viewpoint

Travel Time:

Shirley and I have been visiting for three years now. We have found Sturgeon to be a great destination. There is 8' and more at the mouth this year. We anchored at Cailey's cove and motored through Canoe Pass, then between Big Sandy and Small Sandy Island into Nipissing, heading toward north side of Iron Island continuing to the mouth of Sturgeon River.

It is very well marked, with channel markers well out into the lake. We sailed and motored as needed. Travel time was 3 hrs, with 20 min or so on the river.

If traveling from **NBYC**, I would stay **Friday night** at the **Manitou's** and go to Sturgeon Saturday morning, about 3 hrs, plus river time. Coming home it took us 5 hrs last time, but I have an extremely fast boat.

Amenities: Good docks, ice at small store, hot showers free with overnight dock. Full 24 hr video security. Very nice walking trails.

Sturgeon Falls : 5 min walk to Rexall Pharmacy, Tim Hortons, Chip trucks, Don's Meats, Grocery stores, Loraine's restaurant for good breakfast. Clothing stores, LCBO and Beer store.

Meals: Sturgeon is super at fast foods, but does not so well for a fine meal. So if you go with this expectation, it's very good.

Sturgeon Falls Fiddle Fest:

I was first thinking the Aug 11 would be best, but have since found out **Aug 18th** is better as this is the finishing weekend. Shirley and I will be in the French River this previous week and will likely head to Sturgeon Sat. morning. I will put something up in the Club House. It will be difficult to manage anything official as plans are so much up in the air. However, once we are there I am sure we will get some press.

Tickets are available at the Metro Food stores in North Bay and in Sturgeon Falls. They are also available at West Nipissing Information Centre and both Four Seasons stores in Sturgeon Falls.

You get more information you can call 705-753-6946, email: info@municipality.westnipissing.on.ca or visit westnipissingouest.ca/dancefiddle.html

Race Results

Date	Flying	White Sail
June 19	1. Ruby Tuesday 2. JCool 3. Caprice	1. Gale Force 2. Nomad 3. Megawatt
June 26	1. JCool 2. Ruby Tuesday 3. Jazz	1. Roundtuit 2. Megawatt 3. Claret
July 3	1. JCool 2. Ruby Tuesday 3. Hot Sheets	1. Gale Force 2. Pei Hui 3. Nomad
July 10	1. JCool 2. Ruby Tuesday 3. Caprice	1. Megawatt 2. Gale Force 3. Nomad
July 17	1. JCool 2. Ruby Tuesday 3. Jazz	1. Megawatt 2. Claret 3. Pei Hui
July 24	1. JCool 2. Jazz 3. Ruby Tuesday	1. Pei Hui 2. Megawatt 3. Claret

2013 Executive Positions

The nominating committee is starting to plan for the next year's executive.

If you are interested in serving on the executive, please contact one of the active past Commodores to discuss what is involved and what your time commitment will be. Any member in good standing may be elected to the executive.

For information about the executive and elections are available in the Booklet under Constitution, Articles 8 and 11.

Below is a list of the past commodores to contact for more information:

- Dave Britton, 705-724-3948
- Luc Lalonde, 705-493-9194
- Mogens Christensen, 705-752-1343
- Alistair Greig, 705-478-8228
- Brenda Walsh, 705-752-4389
- Rick Andrews, 705-474-1281
- Bill Stewart, 705-472-7526