

Sail and Paddle

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George Blanchard Honoured by CYA

On Sunday, January 18th, our very own George Blanchard was presented with *The Presidents Award*, the Canadian Yachting Association's highest honour. The honour was bestowed on George at the Ontario Sailing Association meeting at the Toronto International Boat Show (*photo below*). Congratulations, George!!

On the right, you can see George on duty at the Canadian Wayfarer Association booth at the Show. At age 95, George continues to set a marvellous example for the rest of us who do volunteer work. Any active member of our club will be well aware of George's invaluable, daily contributions to the TS&CC. And that is just the tip of the iceberg as our grand old man keeps the Canadian Wayfarers on their toes as well as his church.



New Monthly S&P to Archive TS&CC Life

Over the past few years, the print version of the *S&P* has gone tree-friendly and become completely web based. Now it is time to change the format as well. The *S&P* is presently emailed to members and archived on the TS&CC web site. With each release a copy is posted to the Club's bulletin board. However, with a twice yearly release, information is often out-of-date by the time it is published.

Starting next month, a slimmed down *S&P* will run monthly from March to December. It is hoped that a more frequent newsletter will allow the content to be more current and generate more interest. Members are invited to submit personal or factual content and receive credit of one work hour per article.

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If you are interested in contributing please email me through the club's website.

Annlies Groen

HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT by Fred Black

Greetings from Creston, B.C., which is where I intend to be when our spring (budget) general meeting is on. Before departing, I have contracted for the crane to come in and launch our keelboats on Sat 2 May 09. So the clock has started on our 2009 sailing season!

Even before we launch, our canoeists will want to get in some springtime

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paddling. They usually launch from our 16 ft. square sloping dock. That dock is currently up on shore, looking decidedly the worse for many seasons of wear. As soon as the snow is gone, we will jack it up and replace the two splintered 2x10s along the shoreside edge. This will involve removing and then re-bolting a number of metal fittings, and perhaps adding a few for good measure. I mean to have the dock back in service by 1 April. Who will help?

Around the last week of March, I hope to have the mooring raft in commission; i.e. replace the damaged barrel, check out the electric winch, and attach a serviceable outboard. Then, whenever the weather is tolerable, I will be out servicing the moorings. Help is appreciated, but is hard to schedule, since we're not going out until it's fairly calm and a few degrees above freezing. But then it's fun!

We have added a few swing moorings. Some wheels will need replacing, so the call is out, once again, for airtight tires on rims that you can contribute.

Now we are up to the big day when the crane comes in and slings your boat into the water. You wouldn't miss that, would you? Actually some have, without even making arrangements for someone else to take over. They know we can't leave a boat on a cradle in the middle of our lot, so in it goes, and our ever helpful crew sees it to its mooring. This year will be differ-

ent. If a keelboat owner does not attend the launch the boat will still go in, but the owner's account will be billed \$50, with another \$50 if we have to cobble up mooring lines

The week after launch we will have a forklift in to stack away the folded cradles, and a chance to collect more fines: \$25 for any cradle not marked with the boat

type, owner's name, and its bow/stern orientation; \$25 if it isn't folded or disassembled, and \$200 if (contrary to our bylaws) it can't be folded or reduced to manageable pieces.

Two weeks after launch (May 16-17) is the Icebreaker Regatta, and after that our own dinghies can come out of hibernation and occupy our lots. But one task remains. The floating dock that served the dragon boats and the sailing school prams was reduced to scrap by last year's storms, and needs replacing. We could replicate the two 8x16 ft. rafts, and get another twenty years' service from them, but all that timber (double 2x12s for the frame) wouldn't be cheap. We hope to secure a few surplus docks from other clubs and anchor them off the east headland. Then our build project will be limited to adapting them and to constructing a gangway for access from the shore. Details to follow....

Kit Wallace <kitwallace@look.ca> writes: I would like to add to Fred's report, that our planned asphaltting project for the west lot and canoe rack area will be scheduled for that two-week window between launch and the Icebreaker. This project will involve removing all the canoes and boat racks out of that area to make way for the paving crew, and will require a considerable amount of members' labour and co-operation - which I would hope could take place on the Sunday after launch.

Tribute to Carlos Agobian

Many of our members were saddened to hear that Carlos Agobian had passed away on Dec. 21st, 2008. Carlos was a courageous chap. He surprised everyone when his family members brought him down to the Club in late September in a wheel chair after recovering from a major operation, so that he could visit with some of his club friends and then go out for a pleasant day's cruise. Unfortunately, this cruise was to be his last: his health deteriorated after further operations.

Carlos joined the Club as a Senior member in 1994 with his Ticon Sloop. He became well liked for his pleasant personality and for always being willing to help on shore or race committee where he assisted

with mark laying tasks, or safety patrol duties for our annual Olympic or local regattas.

He enjoyed cruising along with family members and friends, as well as sailing alone to other areas. Carlos will certainly be sadly missed by many of our members that associated with him during his years at TS&CC. On behalf of all the Members we express our sincere condolences to his family members, relatives and friends.

George T. Blanchard.
Honorary Commodore

The TS&CC thanks Manager, Peter Tielen, of HMP (Holland Marine) for donating large stick-on labels for the Club's Fixed Race Course Marks. HMP have been manufacturers and distributors of Quality Marine Hardware and Equipment since 1957 and are located at

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12th Annual Christmas Party

Sunday Afternoon, Dec. 13th 2008 - 1 to 4 pm. E-mail notices were sent out to promote this event by Catherine Longfield, and after last years cancellation we were happy to have fine weather conditions for this year's Christmas party which was well attended by a fine turnout of members and children.

Jerry & Mary Maysuik did a super job of decorating the club entrance and hall with ornaments and coloured lights including the traditional tree supplied by Derek, which certainly added to the Christmas spirit. They also arranged presents for Santa J. to hand out to the children.

Commodore Peter Kozak extended a warm welcome and thanked everyone for supporting this event, along with best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The musical and carol singsong was arranged by our professional pianist, Jane Cawthorne. Derek Griffiths, our Club Manager, had the premises neat and tidy and handled the bar and kitchen services. Manager Derek also arranged to provide an excellent buffet of fancy hors d'oeuvres which everyone enjoyed.

In the early afternoon everyone was quite busy socializing and enjoying the buffet treats. This was followed by a sing-song of popular Christmas tunes from sheets provided by Jane Cawthorne, who also handed out some bells to the children so that they could accompany the singing. Commodore Peter Kozak acted as master of ceremonies by organizing two groups to coordinate the sing-song and bell ringing of the various songs. The singing ended with the traditional song *The Twelve Days of Christmas*.

Around 2:45 Santa suddenly arrived, and he soon got settled down by the Christmas tree to hand out gifts to the children while parents and friends kept busy taking individual or group photos.

It turned out to be an enjoyable get-together. To end an enjoyable party, our Commodore - on behalf of everyone - thanked all those who had arranged this event, and Santa Claus for taking time to visit TS&CC to bring Christmas greetings to everyone.

George Blanchard
Honorary Commodore
TS & CC Historian.

24th Annual New Year's Levee

1 pm to 4 pm, Thursday Jan. 1st, 2009. With excellent spring-type weather conditions, a good turn-out of enthusiastic members and friends, including Past Commodore, Pat Helps 1977/78, socialized in the club lounge to celebrate the opening of our 2009 season. Christmas decorations and lights were left up for this occasion which certainly added to the atmosphere.

Bob Stevenson Vice Commodore, greeted everyone with a serving of the traditional champagne as they entered the lounge area. Personal greetings and best wishes were extended amongst members and guests. During the activities, Commodore Peter Kozak welcomed everyone, and thanked them for supporting this event, and extended his best wishes to all for a happy and successful sailing season. He also expressed our thanks to Manager, Derek Griffiths, for the splendid buffet of hors d'oeuvres and punch he had arranged for everyone's enjoyment.

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It certainly was a wonderful celebration to start the new year. Happy New Year to all.

George Blanchard,
Honorary Commodore.





Sailing Coach, Tommy Wharton, Shares Olympic Memories in Support of TSCC Learn-to-Sail Programme

On Sunday, January 18, Tommy Wharton made a marvellous slid presentation about the 2008 Beijing Olympics at our club. "Uncle Al" followed up a brief photographic overview of 2008 Wayfarer events to try to lure Learn-to-Sail grads into this superb boat. Twenty- two people attended these excellent presen-

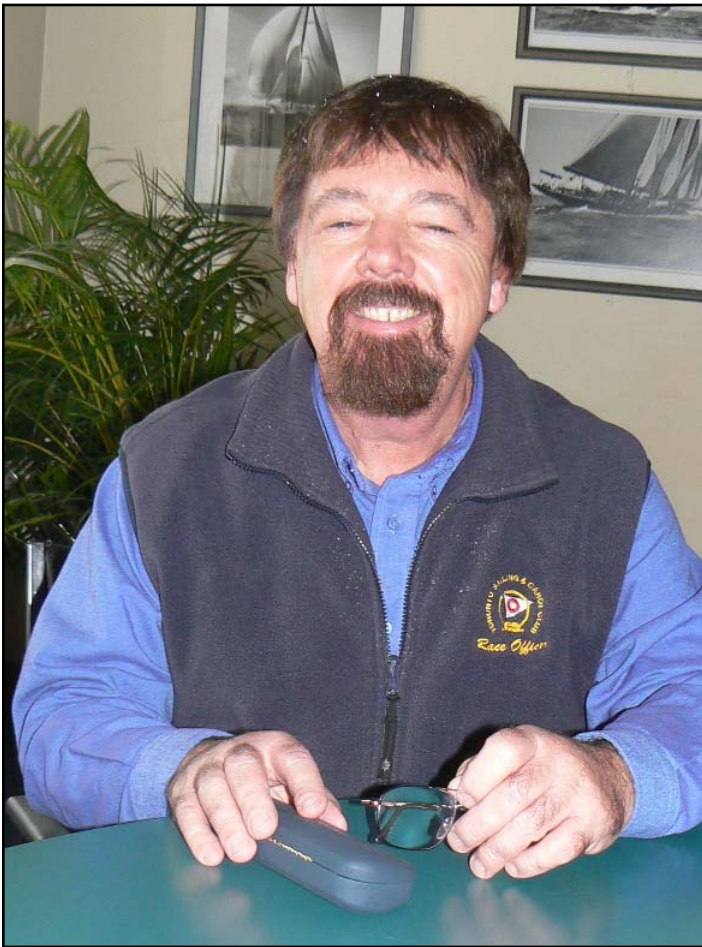
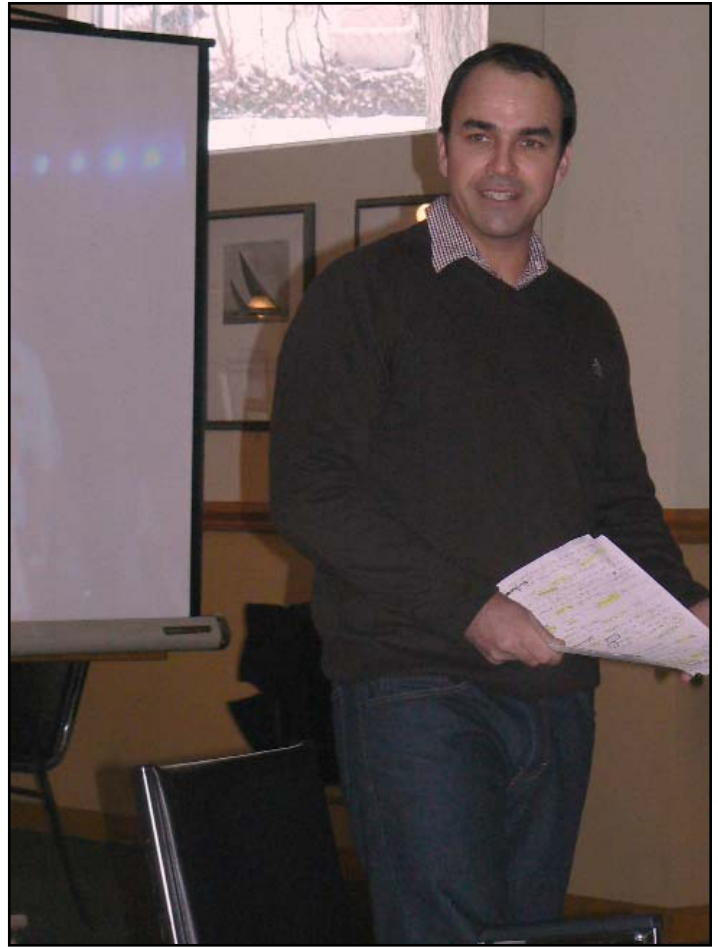
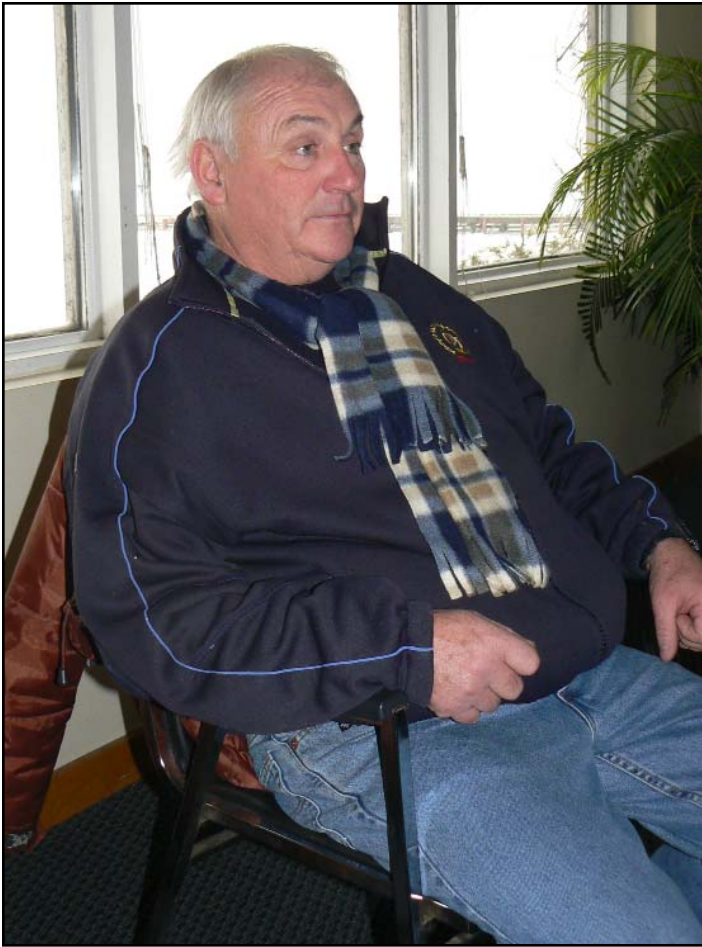
tations. We plan to have them both back this spring for those who could not attend the first time.

We are planning several courses at the club this spring including VHF Radio and Coastal Navigation. Stay tuned, dates to be announced.

Brian McLennan







Marg Buhlman's TS&CC Boat Portraits from 2008: Part 1



(above, l to r) Rodney Littigio; 51 - Jibberish - Morris Strods (below, l to r) Tom Wharton; John Cawthorne; Reg Bunt

