

MISSISSAUGA SAILING CLUB
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COVER GIRLS ANTHONY FAGA AND MARK TAYLOR were two of eight volunteers who manned our display at the Mississauga Outdoor and Sports Show at Erin Mills Town Centre (= Shopping Centre) in February, and were brave enough also to show up early to help set up.

The invite to our club to participate came just days prior to the show, and the decision as to whether or not we proceeded depended on the response we got from a call for volunteers. Turns out lots of people have time to spare in mid February; we had a wait list.

However, we had a challenge: Normally to such shows we drag in a boat. But this was only a one day event, and we'd just had a foot of snow dumped on our compound. So we went the 2D route – that's Dave and Anne Pugh in the 2015 Moe Fraser Regatta, blown up life size, who want you to know that they know their boat should be flat. It isn't, but they're about to round a mark, and anyway, for those that recall this regatta, keeping the boat flat wasn't a concern for anyone. Returning alive was.

So, were we deluged with new club prospects? No, but our expectations going in were modest. As a city affiliate it was important for us to demonstrate our participation, and the show served as a short test for how we might conduct a longer running event. We know now, for example, we need a more hands on exhibit. We learned also that guessing people's T-shirt sizes is doomed to failure. Next time, hats. Cheaper too.

Finally, as for the photo used in this backdrop, I don't know who was more crazy, the Pughs manning the boat, or Gord Leachman who took the picture. Thank you Gord for that outstanding shot.



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SAILING SEASON IS HERE...the docks are in!! Thanks go to our Facilities Officer, Phil Zacarias, and his crew of volunteers. Phil has lots of projects, some of which he's already put out for volunteers...workhours!

WASHROOMS

Our female members may not be aware, but I'm sure all of the men have noticed the enclosure in the men's washroom. We are waiting on the City's assessment of the other major water leakage problems within the Clubhouse (interior and exterior) before any work can be done to repair the washroom. We are also looking at possible repairs to the roof due to water damage, so there may be potential inconveniences with usage of the roof deck as those repairs go forward.

Once work commences, please do not interfere with the workers as we want to get this work done as quickly as possible. We have been warned that if there is interference as the work progresses, the City may decide to close off the Clubhouse entirely until all work is finished. I, for one, do not want to see this happen. All of this repair work will ensure that our building will stand for a long time to come and will be worth a bit of inconvenience in the

short term.

Patience is required because ours is not the only facility that the City looks after...their projects are on a priority basis, and we are not high priority...as much as we'd like to think we are!

OTHER FACILITIES

Phil has gotten quotes for reshingling the boathouse roof and this will be done early in May. We had considered repaving parts of the compound, but determined that fixing the cracks with tar would make the most sense and be the most economical approach. Parts of the asphalt have heaved due to tree root growth...this cannot be addressed or fixed without consultation with the Conservation Authority.

DISABLED SAILING ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO

Good news! After visiting the Disabled Sailing Association of Ontario's (DSAO) booth at the Toronto Boat Show and speaking with our own Karen-Ann Xavier, the Executive decided to donate \$750 to help with the purchase of one Assistive Equipment - KAPE Seat, which will allow disabled sailors – both adults and children – to feel supported, safe and comfortable, and most importantly, just like any other sailor. In an upcoming edition of this newsletter, we will interview Karen-Ann and share with you the work that she is doing with this wonderful organization. DSAO will be hosting an open house on May 27, and Karen-Ann has invited



MSC members to attend. Details to follow. In the meantime, to learn more, you can visit www.disabledsailingontario.com.

2017 BOOM SAILING SCHOOL

We are offering sailing lessons again this summer. Please mark July 17th – 21st on your calendars and let your friends and family know. We have 8 adult spots (6:00 – 9:00 pm Mon to Thurs) and 16 youth spots (ages 8 – 14) available. Member fees are \$235 (adult) and \$340 (youth). Non-member fees are \$275 (adult) and \$399 (youth). All equipment (including life

jackets if needed) is included...plus, we have a BBQ for the kids on Thursday. Details and registration are here:

www.GoSail.ca

MISSISSAUGA CITY RELATIONS

Recent Updates from the City of Mississauga:

1) In the next few weeks, City personnel will be installing signage at the launch ramp re proper etiquette including no wake zone information, no overnight moorage, etc.

2) They will also be reinstalling the speed limit signs at the mouth of the bay. They constantly monitor the activity in the bay and are trying to discourage motorized watercraft from speeding around in the bay.

3) Policy re alcohol at the Club: The City Parks By-Law states that no-one can:

Possess, consume, serve or sell alcoholic beverages unless authorized by a Permit, and after having complied with all of the requirements of the Liquor License Act,

R.S.O. 1990 c.L19; or (281-II, 1544-14)

This means that if you have a regatta or event, and plan to serve alcohol, you must obtain a permit to do so. Because we are in a public park, as with all public parks in Ontario, no open alcohol or consumption of alcohol is allowed. Please be responsible about this issue...the penalties can be severe.

See you at Sailpast on Saturday, June 3rd!

Warm regards,

Deborah

2017 SAILING EVENTS

2017 SAILPAST

Saturday, June 3
9 AM to mid afternoon...

OPEN CAT REGATTA

Saturday & Sunday
July 15 - 16
9 AM Saturday to
mid afternoon Sunday

Details / registration :
www.GoCat.ca

BOOM SAILING SCHOOL

Child 8 - 14 years
Monday - Friday
July 17 - 21
9 AM - 4 PM

Adult
Monday - Thursday
July 17 - 20
6 PM - 9 PM

Details / registration :
www.GoSail.ca

CL / WAYFARER REGATTA MOE FRASER REGATTA

Saturday & Sunday
August 26 - 27
9 AM Saturday to
mid afternoon Sunday

Details / registration :
www.MSCWayfarer.ca

Saturday
September 23
9 AM Saturday to
mid afternoon Sunday

Details / registration :
www.MoeFraser.ca

2017 OTHER EVENTS

2017 MISSISSAUGA MARATHON

Friday, Saturday, Sunday
May 5 - 7, 2017

6 pm Friday to mid afternoon Sunday

Actually a series of marathons, it's not a club event, but it ends in Lakefront Promenade, which means your access to the club, particularly by motor vehicle, is compromised. You'll need a parking pass, a small number of which are available in the pocket of the office door. First come, first served.

CLUB RACES

Thursday evenings (followed by dinner BBQ), & Sunday afternoons

OTHER EVENTS

Typically the club will have one, two, or more social evenings featuring a special theme or live entertainment. We'll let you know by email.

MONTHLY EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

2ND Tuesday of each month. 7:00 PM

Except for the January meeting, which is closed (because it's a jammed agenda just ahead of the Annual General Meeting) all senior members are welcome to attend. Maybe let an Exec member know in advance so we keep you in the loop in case it's rescheduled, vanishingly rare, but Murphy's Law...



This you may be pleased to know is a brief newsletter. Deb makes my life easy, and all the rest of the Exec's lives too easy by writing comprehensive overviews, and anything she missed likely has already been dealt with in dedicated broadcast emails.

As of this writing our primary website, mississaugasailingclub.com and associated email addresses, remain offline. You can, however, find our website at mississauga-sailingclub.ca. We will shortly create equivalent email addresses.

For those curious about such things, the issue has arisen because a three year old change in web administration rules for some random reason two weeks ago collided with the fact that the club technically has never owned the domain name it's used for 16 years. This actually is an issue we've been attempting to resolve for some time, and ironically, the current development finally gives us an avenue to expedite this process. Regardless, the "dot ca" address, will continue exist even after this interruption is resolved, and in fact it has been an operational address for two years now; we've just never promoted it.

Finally, a personal note, I very much appreciated, in fact was deeply moved by the willingness and generosity of time many of you put forth in helping out with the Erin Mills show. Preparing the exhibit entailed many hours, but that so many members readily picked up a shovel to help made the cause intensely gratifying. Thank you.

The next newsletter will be in late June. Typically it's long on pictures, short on editorial, so if you've got something you want to write, and you think people want to read, it pays work hours.

Warmest regards,
Andrew Simpson