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## MIMICO CRUISING CLUB



MCC Raft Up July 16th, 2016

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#### DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 17th – Around the Marks Race
Sept. 24th – Sailors' Banquet
Oct 1st – Octoberfest
Oct 1-2 – Club Demasting
Oct 15-16 – Club Demasting
Oct. 22-23 – Haul Out

## COMMODORE MICHAEL POWER



Even as the sailing season begins to wind down, the life of the Club continues on. The Electrical Project will start up again this month, first with Club volunteer work and then the Contractor returns.

Budget planning for next year is underway. The Board talked about capital projects at its June and August meetings. Our flexibility on non-electrical capital projects is, regretfully, very limited given our current revenue model and the need to re-chain B dock, but we are nonetheless looking at options for your consideration. As was the case

last year, there will be a Budget Meeting to present the proposed budget before haul out weekend.

At our August meeting, the Board agreed to create a Conflict of Interest Policy. Before anyone wonders why, there was no specific reason to do so, but it is a measure of good corporate governance to have one and it formalizes what we all, as members, expect of the Board. A draft policy will be presented at the September meeting of the Board.

It may seem early while you're still enjoying the boat but all members, especially the newer ones in the Club, should give some consideration to joining a Club Committee. By doing so, members gain valuable experience and knowledge as to how our Club runs. Whatever your interest, our continued success as a Club very much depends on our volunteers. Many hands make light work so please take the time to find out what committees we have (hint: see the Roster) and contact the Committee Chair. Your Club needs you.

## VICE COMMODORE BILL MCCARROLL



This perfect boating season is coming to an end, much too early with haul out rapidly closing in. Thanks to everyone who participated in the Work Parties to clean up the grounds, your efforts are clearly evident. Special mention to Steve and

the Gardeners for keeping the property beautiful throughout this hot dry Summer. Well done.

We plan to remove and discard all the abandoned bicycles on the property shortly after haul out. If you have a bike and do not plan to take it home this Winter, then please tag it with some identification and

“do not discard” instructions, so it will not be mistakenly disposed of.

The Electrical Contractor will be resuming work on the project around the middle of September. You will see activity installing the main switchboard in the enclosure beside the entrance gate and also the installation of transformers and panels at each dock, and the associated wiring will be pulled to each location. There will not be any digging or excavation needed, so any disruption will be minimal.

The Dining Room continues to be well patronized and band nights have been very successful, only one left; September 23rd. Please try to attend with the fiscal year end being September 30th. I will have some positive numbers to report next month.

Enjoy the rest of the Summer and thank you all for your help and support. It has been an outstanding year.



## Electrical Project

You have all enjoyed a relatively clean Summer once the grass was reinstated and sidewalks replaced. You will note also the masting field getting back into shape. Those of you who will be stored in the West Yard will also note that the ditch no longer exists. This is all a

benefit of dealing with excess dirt from the duct bank installation.

As the Vice Commodore mentioned, the Electrical Contractor will be back in September with equipment. Although the work will not be as intrusive please respect the boundaries of the work zones they establish. Work will begin with volunteer members to install the Cable Tray on B dock. This will have some impact on access but you will all have access to boats throughout this work.

## Haul Out

Unfortunately haul out is coming. There will be a substantial change this year. We will have two fixed cranes, South shore as usual and East Yard. This has come as a result of the need to reduce the weight of the boats assigned to mobile cranes. What this means for members is that many boats traditionally hauled to West Yard and some of the Fixed Crane boats will be moved to the West Yard. All East Yard boats will be moved to West Yard.

During haul out activities, the yard is a restricted access area. Hard hats must be worn by anyone in the crane operations areas and unless you are working on a crew or your boat has just been hauled you are not permitted in the yard. The Skipper and one other person only please on boats when brought to the dock. No pets and no children under 14 years of age.

A haul out pamphlet will be produced as usual but some highlights include; for safety concerns during haul out please assure that no loose equipment or material is on your deck. Crews must be free to walk all areas of your deck. Equipment which would be considered obstructions, includes (but is not limited to) such things as dodger and bimini frames, canopies and canvas, whisker poles, spinnaker poles, dinghies, booms and anchors. Be aware that if the Crew Chief finds that your deck is unsafe your boat will not be hauled until such time as it is safe. Any extra crane charges will be the responsibility of the member.

## Demasting

Club Demasting will be starting soon. The schedule is posted on the Club Calendar. For those of you who are dropping your own mast, please place your mast in the most Easterly section of the masting field or on club racks. Place masts as tightly together as practical, and at least 20 feet in from the South Shore Parking Lot, leaving room for boats to overhang the field. If masts are not packed tight enough they will be moved by the Club Masting Crews to free up space.

## TREASURER BRIAN BURGESS



July was a good month. Because of extremely strong Dining Room profits and better than expected new members' revenue, the Year To Date July profit is about 14% better than forecast and 9% better than last year



Well, September has arrived and the racing program is in its final month.

By the time you receive this, the Make-up Races and the Fall Classic will be complete, and the final

Wednesday night race (Sept. 14th) will be in sight.

The last race of the MCC Racing season will be held on Saturday, September 17th. This is the famed "Around the Marks Race" for a BIG bottle of Rum! It's a White Sail type race, but it's open to all club sailboats, not just racers. If you don't have a PHRF rating, no problem... we'll get you one. A Skipper's meeting will be held at 9:30 AM in the clubhouse for registration (free) and to outline the race course.

Lastly, the Sailor's Awards Banquet

is Saturday, September 24th. It starts with a cocktail hour at 6:00 PM, followed by a bang-up meal prepared by Chef Frank and his Team. We have a ton of Awards to hand out after this. These awards include all the traditional Racing Awards, plus two Cruising Awards, a most Improved Sailor Award, a Crew of the Year Award, the Around the Marks Race Award and finishing off with the Pinnacle Award awarded for Outstanding Life-time Service to the MCC Racing Program. This year, we've dropped the price to under \$25, making it a fabulous deal... See you there !!!

## MOORINGS BOB SKOLNIK



Although it is late in the season, I would like to remind you that filling out a Departure Slip when you're off the dock for more than a day helps us to assign slips to visiting neighbours from around the lake.

Also, I thought I would reiterate a couple of basic rules that we have

with respect to mooring your boat at the club.

1. Slip assignments are made by the Moorings Committee. Temporary slip assignments (ie. for registered guests of the Club) are made by the Duty Officer, Mooring Director, or General Manager. There are many corollaries to this rule including:
  - a. Members cannot "borrow" another member's slip (ie. if the member is away)
  - b. Members cannot "lend" their slip to anyone. (ie. other members, guests, family members)
  - c. Slips are not owned by the member. Assignments may be changed.

On a regular basis (daily during the weekends) the MCC Duty Officer walks our docks. One aspect of this routine is to ensure that boats are in their assigned slips, or that a slip is vacant. Boats that have not been officially assigned to a slip are identified and a significant time consuming search for the owner then ensues. As Mooring Director I can tell you that this is not fun, and my immediate concern is for the member that may be returning, only to find a boat in their assigned space. If the Duty Officer of the day cannot tell me whose boat is in a specific slip, I am of the opinion that the boat in that slip is trespassing. As this has happened a number of times this season, you

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MOORINGS (continued)

should know that the Board takes this very seriously. I will be making recommendations as to what action we should take if members are abusing their mooring privileges, or if we have squatters on our property.

Also, please don't forget that we have a Slip Change Request Log. Many times during the season I will get a request such as: "So and so has sold their boat. Can I move to their slip?" My answer is always the same. We have a (simple) process for requesting a slip change. That process is to send an email to [moorings@mimicocruisingclub.com](mailto:moorings@mimicocruisingclub.com) and describe what you would like and why. The Slip Change Request log is reviewed prior to any changes being made in slip assignments.

Other than that, we're having a great season and so far we've been able to accommodate all of our new boating members and guests.

Hopefully you appreciate that my rant is for all of our members' benefit and safety.

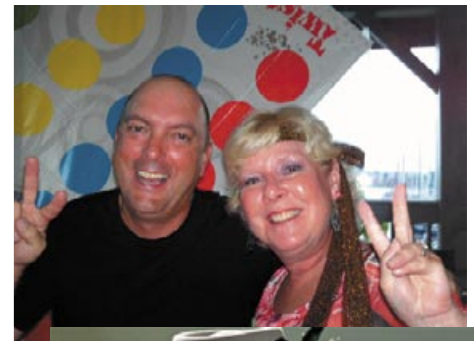
See you on the water,  
Bob



Saturday, August 20th was a very busy night in the MCC clubhouse. A nostalgic, blast of a night with a retro meal, fun costumes, games and music from the past with DJ Adam... for those that had the energy to dance! A jib, with a spotlight behind it provided lots of entertainment and laughs with some very creative silhouette dancing.

The night had another very popular element with "The Tragically Hip" concert broadcasted in the Flagroom. Although the live broadcast from Kingston was not part of the "original plan", we could not miss the opportunity to share this event with our members and other visiting clubs. Thanks to Mary Feely and Glenn Clarke for orchestrating this part of the evening.

Oktoberfest - Saturday October 1: Registrations are in full swing! This is your opportunity to kick up your heels with the German dancers and savour true German food and refreshments! Be sure to reserve your place soon, the deadline for sign-up is Thursday, September 22nd.





Interest in our Club continues to be very high, with inquires coming in almost daily. Our waiting list is growing with applicants looking to

join for 2017. As a follow on from my July report, I'd like to extend an MCC welcome to the new members joining us in August & September.

Senior A:  
Andrea Miller & Deb Cunningham  
Cindy Dragic & Gord Summerfeldt  
Patrick & Joy Thomas

Senior B:  
Peter & Carolyn Rowe

Social B:  
Rita Greci

Toni Fiore Lisi  
Robert and Diane Yorston  
Roger & Ida Gilodo

Remember, the season isn't over until the boats come out of the water, so let's all continue to enjoy our time at the Club and on the water in September and October!



## MCC BOOK CLUB

**When:** The second Thursday of every month, 6:30 – 9:00, September to May

Register on the Club website under the *September 8 Calendar entry for the Book Club*, or ask Shandi, [assistant@mimicocruisingclub.com](mailto:assistant@mimicocruisingclub.com), to register you. Register for Sept. 8 only to be registered for all eight meetings

### Upcoming Dates and Books :

**8-Sep** - *The Illegal*, by Lawrence Hill

**Where:** MCC Flag room – join us in the dining room at 6:30; meeting starts at 7:30

**13-Oct** - *Dead Wake*, by Eric Larson

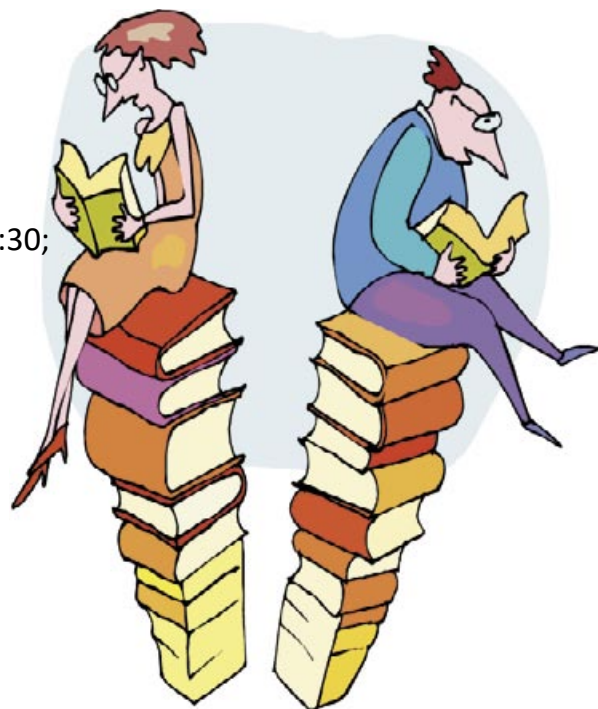
**Where:** Flag Room – join us in the dining room at 6:30; meeting starts at 7:30

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Sandra Wong ([sandraawong@hotmail.com](mailto:sandraawong@hotmail.com))



# CRUISING DIRECTOR - WILL O'HARA



Cruise to Cathedral Bluffs Yacht Club, September 3, 4 and 5

It was a brilliant late Summer morning when the boats from MCC sailed off to Cathedral Bluffs Yacht Club for the Labour Day weekend Cruise. The wind was strong from the East, setting up rollers, so it was a good day to

practice pointing into the wind and tacking, all the time watching the boats from CYBY flying at full speed in the direction of MCC.

CBYC is tucked into a sheltered harbour beneath the spectacular Scarborough Bluffs. The rollers stopped at the mouth of the harbour, making it placid and quiet inside as we made our way to our slips.

The members and staff at CBYC could not have been more welcoming (unless they came from MCC) and we were soon tied up and enjoying an informal dinner outside the clubhouse. The sun sets early beneath the Bluffs, especially in September. It was soon dark and refreshingly cool, great for sleeping or partying the night away.

Dawn brought cloudless skies and light winds. Many cruisers explored the surrounding area on foot. Some even climbed up to the top of the Bluffs for a view of the harbour. To the East is a public beach transplanted from the Caribbean Islands, with rippled sand sloping gently into the lake. Some of our cruisers anchored at the beach and swam off their boats, basking on their decks until it was time to go in again..... and again.

Our Cruise Captains, Barb Woods and Manny Bauer organized a lavish dinner in the CBYC dining room for 39 people – and made it look easy. Everyone enjoyed the company of their friends and fellow members over a good meal.

Monday was another day of brilliant sunshine and the lake looked like a mirror. Those who returned home in the morning motored most of the way. Those who left later caught the lively wind from the South East and ran with sails spread wing on wing or with spinnakers flying. Some stopped to admire the Air Show that was right above our heads. At times, the jets seemed to be aiming right at our boats.

CBYC is one of the best destinations for cruising in the area and we'll be sure to return before too long.



# POKER RUN

## POKER RUN 2016 - Ron Witton

During the renaming ceremony for 'Watt's Next', I poured the better part of two champagne bottles into the lake as sacrifices to the Gods of the winds, and I thought..... what a waste. It appears that it wasn't a waste because we had a beautiful sunny windless day for the Poker Run.

My boat does not like a following sea and I'm not used to being at the back of the pack in our Poker Run. As the faster boats (I remember those days) passed us on each side, the wakes approached from the stern quarter and my pilot, Jacques Michaud, got an upper body workout trying to keep us heading straight. But we settled down quickly and it was great to see 21 boats all heading out across the smooth blue water with great crews on each.

Back at the Club after the Run, the Dining Room was to capacity with 120 crew members from the boats and the party was as great as ever and enjoying a banquet spread provided by the Club.

The Trivia questions were more challenging than I expected but not too much for the winning boat, Falcon TLB, with Donna and Ian Scott and their crew answering the most questions correctly. There was a special prize for the most interesting answer to the Trivia and it

was won by the crew of Captain Hook. The questions asked "Why is the German moniker U20 from 1915 so famous?". Captain Hook's answer "It was the German band that had a smash hit with The Lusitania".

The first concealed card Poker Run (2006) was won with a pair of Kings. Since then, the winners all have had three-of-a-kind to win and, in some years, we've had more than one boat with three-of-a-kind. However, this year, the game was over almost before it started. As we began opening the last two cards for each boat, one of the first to be opened was the boat with no name, Carl Lorusso, and his last two cards completed a Club flush. It would take a full house or four of a kind to beat that and nobody's first three cards were leading to that.

By the way, we'll have to start a new rule that the winning crew cannot go back to their boat and go to sleep before 11:00 PM. Carl.... you owe us!

Thanks everyone for coming to the Poker Run. I'm already looking forward to next year.

As a side note, I saw a notice for a neighbouring Club's Poker Run offering exactly the same features as ours and it was \$125.00 for the boat with two people, and \$40.00 per person after that. Maybe their prize is a new car.

## MCC Raft Up July 16th

A perfect Saturday afternoon spent just around the corner from MCC socializing with MCC friends. This year the Raft was an equal mix of power and sail. The excellent appetizers contributed by all were rounded out by Happy Hour aboard "Watts New". Join us next year for one of the most relaxing cruises in the schedule.





# Tuscarora Cruise

# Oakville Cruise

## Tuscarora Yacht Club Cruise- July 24-26

14 boats crossed the lake to enjoy a fun-filled weekend at Tuscarora Yacht Club (TYC) in Wilson, New York. The festivities started on the Friday night with approximately 25 people enjoying a meet & greet at TYC followed by dinner at the beautifully renovated Sunset Bar & Grill overlooking the river. On the Saturday morning, Captain Phil led the Dinghy Parade up the creek. By the time we trekked up the creek and back, most were ready for a dip in Lake Ontario. However, one hot trekker could not wait to get into the lake and plunged off her dinghy into the murky waters of the creek! Following lunch, the group walked to Brownies to enjoy their famous low-cal ice cream. A few who were not deterred by the heat made the half hour walk to enjoy a cool one at the Woodcock Brewery. The rest of us searched for shade until dinnertime. Saturday night, we met for Happy Hour and a BBQ on the TYC patio overlooking the entrance to the river. Following dinner, we enjoyed a bonfire and a variety of campfire pies provided by Michele Franklin and cooked by MCC chefs Craig and Bob. Some boaters arriving later on Friday without a Nexus pass did experience long waits at US Customs Video phone and suspect some will be looking into getting a Nexus pass. Thank you to all participants for making this an enjoyable weekend. A special thank you to Phil & Sandra Wong and my husband Bob for all their help and also to TYC and their stewards for making us feel so welcome.

Glenna Stelzer



## Oakville Cruise

Oakville Yacht Squadron was the destination for the Oakville Cruise and the finish line for MCC's annual white sail cruising race on July 30. The sail to Oakville was a boisterous downwind sleigh ride, with gusts to 30 knots. Finding the finish mark was a challenge since the wind had moved the buoy by several hundred metres. Taking down sails in the almost two metre waves also exercised boating skills. OYS again provided a warm welcome and Oakville continues to provide engaging places to explore and excellent dining. The race winner will be honoured at the September 24th Sailors' Award Banquet. See you there!



### Waupoos Rendezvous

Eight boats, twenty one adults and four children met up at Waupoos over Friday, Saturday and Sunday August 5 to 7. We variously enjoyed a group bbq, blueberries, Black River boating, an open air movie, very fine winery dining (see pictures), pizza with a view, swimming in clear, warm, water (Waupoos averages a depth of 12 feet), all accompanied by gambling. A perfect place to enjoy hot summer weather.



# Come Join Us at MCC for Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 1, 2016

Featuring traditional German food and beverages  
German dancers and Crowning of Mr. & Ms. Oktoberfest

DJ Clarke to start the party  
and to keep you dancing.. "The Meteors"!

Reception 6:00 Dinner 6:30

Reservations required - sign up on the MCC Website  
or call Shandi at 416 252 7737.

Sign up deadline September 22

A full night of great entertainment and food for  
\$29.50 per person (+taxes and services)

Members and their guests welcome.



# SAILOR'S AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday, September 24th

Cocktails @ 6 PM

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Dinner @ 7 PM

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Followed by  
Awards  
Presentation



Dinner reservations  
requested, \$24.95 + tax  
& service charge.

Please contact Shandi at  
the club to reserve or  
sign-up on the website  
416-252-7737

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

## Acknowledgment

We wish to thank all the Club Members who gave so generously to the A.L.S. Society of Canada's Annual 5km. Charity Walk which raised \$37,000, of which \$1,200 of that was donated by MCC Members. Our National Target is \$4 Million Dollars.



A.L.S. or Lou Gehrig's Disease is incurable and untreatable and after all donations have been counted 40% goes into Research with the remainder providing equipment and care for the sufferers.

Once again, Thank You for your support for making our Fundraising a Huge Success,  
Barry and Freda Cornforth



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