

# PIGEON LAKE YACHT CLUB

## April 2009 Newsletter

### *Communication between you and the Club:*

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#### **PLYC and E-mail**

Members are encouraged to provide their e-mail addresses to the club, for us to use in improving our communications. We have started an electronic newsletter that we would like to send to as many members as possible. This newsletter is **brief and easy to produce and distribute**, enabling us to communicate more frequently. **Hard copies will not be mailed, but it will be posted at the club for everyone to access.** This newsletter will supplement "The Sheet" which will still be issued from time to time, and distributed by mail.

Currently, e-mail addresses are considered by the Directors to be restricted information, and we use them only for club communications. We do not distribute them beyond the Directors group, or use them for any purpose other than club communications. E-mails issued by the club use "bcc" addressing so that the e-mail addresses are hidden from recipients.

You will notice on the 2009 Membership Application Form that there is a check box to ask us to keep your e-mail address confidential. We will endeavour to do so, and in that case we will not change the way that we use it.

However, if you do not check the box, we will take the additional step of sharing your e-mail address with other PLYC members by providing a printed list to them, as was requested at the AGM. Otherwise we will continue to not share this sensitive information outside the club.

Peter Conquergood, Secretary.

#### **PLYC Archives:**

The PLYC has a long history and lots of paper has been generated over time. Peter Conquergood has taken on the task of establishing the location of club documents. We know where most of them are but if you have a box of files that you believe contain important club history or documents let Peter know so he can keep track of them. Contact Peter at (705) 738-6349 or [cpconquer@nexicom.net](mailto:cpconquer@nexicom.net)

### **Trophies:**

Another part of our club history is our trophies. We have a file with pictures of each one but we want to document the parameters under which they were granted, who has won them in the past and perhaps there is an interesting history linked to the trophy. Pass along any information you have to Peter Conquergood.

### **North U racing rules seminar:**

North Sails are offering a seminar in Toronto on April 18th. The price for a skipper is \$115 and for a crew \$85. For more information on the seminar contact [fran@northu.northsails.com](mailto:fran@northu.northsails.com) The will also be information at [www.northu](http://www.northu) UK Halsey Sailmakers are also sponsoring seminars but these are free. They are to be presented by Brian Chapman at 8:00 PM at the Port Credit Yacht Club on March 25th and at the Ashbridges Yacht Club on March 26th. Information at [donna@ukhalsey.com](mailto:donna@ukhalsey.com)

### **PLYC Website:**

The club website has been redesigned and is being hosted differently. The main reason behind these changes is to make the website easier to use and change so that information on it can be kept fresher and more informative. The address has not changed, it will remain as [www.pigeonlakeyachtclub.com](http://www.pigeonlakeyachtclub.com) The new look should be on line soon. Check it out, give us some feedback on the new design and on the information you would like to see posted. Send it to [mail@pigeonlakeyachtclub.com](mailto:mail@pigeonlakeyachtclub.com). Rob Ferguson has volunteered to be the new "Webmaster".

### **Spring Meeting:**

The Spring Meeting will be at 1:00 PM on Sunday May 3rd at the clubhouse. the meeting will focus on the racing rules and a discussion on Club projects for 2009, returning to the format of previous years. Since there are no critical issues before us, this year the Board is not planning on a business portion for this meeting.

### **Keel Dock:**

The final dock modification step for the main portion of the keel dock has not yet happened. The Directors are reviewing design alternatives for the repairs to ensure that we have a solid, safe system. The repairs will probably not be undertaken until the winter of 2009/10.

### **Only in Kelowna you say !**

As most of you know, I spend the winter in Kelowna B.C. Every year they hold an international contest out here to see who can build a bridge using only dry spaghetti. A challenge for engineering students. It has to span a meter and cannot weigh more than a kilogram. They hook a hydraulic puller to the middle of it and see how much it will support. The winning bridge was made by a Hungarian team. Take a guess on how much weight it took to break it.

443.58 kg (982 pounds) This has nothing to do with the club or sailing but, gee, almost a half a ton on spaghetti !!!