

# Soundings



July Issue

## Greet GBYC Newbies

by Lorraine Hunter



Slip 31

Trish McIntyre and Jeff Lake

*Lizzy Tish* is a 27' Catalina which was purchased in the Toronto area by skipper Trish.

Trish began sailing about three years ago with friends at GBYC. Jeff spent time in the Grand Bend area from a young age. He acquired his boating skills as a youth on Lake St. Clair from his uncle. Jeff and Trish discovered their mutual appreciation for the Bend while dating. They would grab some pizza, a bottle of wine and relax while watching the sun set over Lake Huron.

Trish and Jeff joined GBYC because they were attracted to the welcoming and helpful nature of the members. Being close to their home in London is a plus, too.

Trish and Jeff plan to enjoy sailing locally this summer with family and friends, and of course, with Kramer, a Jack Russell terrier who welcomes visitors aboard the *Lizzy Tish* between naps. Other leisure activities for Trish and Jeff include golfing and wreck diving. They would like to do some diving near Bay City, where wrecks abound, and on Lake Michigan.

In the short term, a cruising trip with other club members, perhaps to Michigan, is something they would like to consider this year. At some point, a trip to the North Channel is in the charts. Would they consider racing? "For sure."

And what about long term plans? They will be taking on a huge project, anticipating and rearing another generation of sailors on board any day now, with the birth of a son, their first child.

Congratulations and welcome to the whole crew of the *Lizzy Tish*.

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Members who need to obtain a PCOC card should call the training officer at the London Sail & Power Squadron.

Arrangements can be made for a GBYC Power and Sail Squadron member to proctor your test.

**Next Issue: Contributions  
Deadline July 25, 2011**

## Meet GBYC Oldies

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### Slip 9

Anne and Dave Bannister

While Anne learned to sail from a young age on her father's 42' sailing vessel, Dave grew up on an Ontario farm. They met in art school in London, fell in love, and Dave had his first sailing experiences with Anne.

Later, Dave was recruited by his dentist, Russ Lingard, to crew for racing. As it happens, the boat on which he navigated in the 1980's resides in the starboard slip. It was *Nautilus* currently owned by George and Steve Dietrich.

The Bannisters purchased a 24' Shark and joined GBYC in 1997. Prior to that, they were not involved socially in the club. They chose to join largely because of the many great friends they found here. In 2001, Dave became the Commodore. During his tenure, he sought to expand the social aspects of the club and open it to power boaters.

A few years later, they were ready for a larger boat. Dave and Anne moved into *Respite* in 2003. Besides being a 35' C&C, it has become a racer, a cruiser, a studio, and often a home office.

For Dave, "racing is exhilaration." He believes that racing forces sailors to go out in all conditions, thereby teaching them more about handling. Under his command, *Respite* has raced the GBYC series and proven itself in the Port Huron to Mackinac race. For the 2008 "Big Mac," *Respite* had an all GBYC crew turning in a time of 40:20.

These days, the couple is transitioning to more cruising. And (also according to Dave) "cruising is relaxation," with over 5,000 nautical miles in their captain's logs. The books hold sketches, time/distance references and memories of many cruises.

Included in that log is a 2005 trip to Green Bay, Wisconsin which took them under the Mackinac Bridge. Among their most pleasant memories is waking up in the North Channel, listening to the loons and watching the fishing boats. Less pleasant was a knock over between Tobermory and Kincardine after being hit by a rogue wave; a traumatic experience for even the most seasoned sailor.

This summer will find the Bannisters aboard *Respite* again, with Anne painting, reading historical novels and writing her own book. Dave's resident, artist plans are to work on his photography, art and writing, as well. They will be sailing to Little Current, coaxing a sailor out of the youngest generation, grandchild, Sadie.

## Fun Pics and Videos



*Hairy, ocean boat bottom that wasn't cleaned or painted in five years*



Click to watch Video:

*Sydney Harbour Ferry versus racing sailboat*



**Women sailing 1900s**

Click to watch Video:

*Speed Freaks*

# GBYC Pics

## Spring Series #3

Photos by Dave Bannister



Rick Zupancic's, *Grand Cru*



John McPhee & Mike Backx's, *Shipperke*



George & Steve Dietrich's, *Nautilus*



Brian & Chris Thompson's, *Looking Glass*

GB30 Driver's 1st Briefing  
Saturday, June 25--Race Postponed  
to Saturday, July 2nd,  
due to fast river current  
Photograph by: Doug Nemeth



### \*\*\*Mark Rinker, Race Chairman, Amended GB30 Notice Of Race\*\*\*

Saturday, July 2, 2011  
Skippers Meeting: 0900  
Warning Gun: 1000  
Entry Fee: \$30/yacht  
BBQ and Awards to follow the racing  
Associates are invited to the BBQ following the race--cost \$5/person

## Bulletin Board



Club Burgees for sale. (triangular or limited number of rectangular Burgees \$25.00.



Editor's thanks to Lorraine Hunter for volunteering to do writeups with GBYC Newbies & Oldies which elevates my having to write Soundings articles.

If you haven't joined GBYC on Facebook, please do! This year Mark Rinker, Race Chairman, chronicles the 2011 season with pictures and race re-caps in addition to reminders of upcoming races. The page is open for your comments, pictures and to advertise crew needed or available.

Please address questions about the racing season to Mark at 519-494-2105



## Upcoming Events



**Grand Bend Canada Day Celebrations starting at 11:00 am  
GBYC Fireworks Raft Up and  
Hors D'ouvres by participating Boaters  
Friday, July 1, weather permitting**



**GB 30 Saturday, July 2  
and BBQ following  
the race**

# Wishing you a



Photo: Randy Brown  
North Channel 2010

# Happy Civic Holiday