

Soundings

Labour Day Regatta start
Lorraine Hunter

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BOOM Chic & Boom Boom

or Things I Learned at Boom School

by Claudia Hammerberg

It was the hottest week of this year. Yes, I am talking about the record setting week of July 18th. This was also the week of Boom School for adults. I don't know how the kids survived during the day (they had club members supplying them with H2O) but late afternoons and evenings were still pretty sticky. Add two pleasant young instructors, throw in a handful of adults, some of whom had not sailed before, and voila a nice mix of sailing class. The pavement could still fry an egg but we intrepidly tramped down to the beached dinghies.

I am vertically challenged and it took a few evenings to learn how to position the rudder and centerboard over my shoulder to avoid whacking myself in the butt with every step. Half the classmates had the advantage of height, which also helped them dispense with repositioning when coming about.

We learned how to rig a dinghy, some of us more quickly than others; and we helped each other drag, push and wiggle them into the water. I wore a bathing suit, thinking a nice dip would be refreshing; however, after chafing my thighs for two evenings common sense prevailed in favor of longish shorts. We also learned not to let go of the dinghy or it would suddenly be heading into the pier.

The instructors asked us to sail left around the buoys; whereas the more competitive of the sailors interpreted this as keep going whichever way is the fastest. This created a quick learning curve in how to tack. There was not much wind, which made it all the more exciting when a gentle puff did come along. It was oh so heady to leave the others behind and carry on sailing into the glorious colors of the lowering sun on a good tack. At least until an instructor came roaring up suggesting one turn around to rejoin the class. Ho hum.

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We learned it is important to have reference points when you dinghy sail, otherwise you are clueless to your position vis a vis other boaters. A good example is finding yourself in the mouth of the channel while a gigantic (from dinghy level) three-decker cruiser bears down on you. Hopefully he knows boating etiquette; that the smaller, wind dependent boat has ah, the right of way? Come to think of it, some people in our group don't understand the concept....yikes how do I get out of here?? There is nothing like wind to fill your tiny sail, although it does have this annoying habit of changing direction and disappearing altogether.



If they'll have me I will attend class again next year but I hope for a centerboard that stays down, not just when I need to pull it up at the end of class. I pray for a rudder that does not have an extension on it. We were just getting the hang of rudder functioning, when the following evening you get a rudder that suddenly works against you because of the folding extension handle. I will faithfully go over sailing knots this winter as well as the positioning chart i.e.) close reach, broad reach, beam reach; the terminology can be daunting without the flower petals the instructors draw on the easel. I can only hope for moderate weather and maybe, just maybe, there will be more wind to 'carry on sailing'.



BOOM School

by Andrew Ive

Andrew who likes sailing, pizza, popsicles and pirate days made this drawing to the left, which depicts the clubhouse, parking area, both North and South piers, the South beach area with the sailing dinghies all lined up in a row and lots of water befitting a great lake.

I am Andrew I'm 7 years old. I Love boom school. I didn't like that I couldn't steer the boat a lot. I paddled to make it go faster. I have been on a sailboat since I was 1 1/2 year old. One of the instructors let me ride in the motor boat when my rudder broke. We were steering on course when the rudder broke. I showed Emma how to do the bowline knot. I like the pizza alot I love pizza. I love popsicles and pirate day.



Billy Ive photograph



Ragamuffin with Billy Ive helming with crewmembers: Jean Marie Ive who also took the adult BOOM sailing school and their seven-year-old son, Andrew pictured playing their colourful spinnaker

Amazing BOOM School

by **Timmy Donaldson**
(Stephanie Dondaldons's grandson)

Hi Mom,

had an amazing time at Boom School this year. The Pico boats are lots of fun.

I learned to rig the boat and sail it with someone else. The Picos have a main sail and a jib. We had to work together as a team to work the sails. I feel like I can sail any boat now! The instructors were great.

The only thing I didn't like about Boom School this year was the day it was too foggy to go out. There wasn't any wind either. That's OK because we learned lots of knots that day and then has a sand castle competition on the beach.

I can't wait until next summer to do Boom School again.



Casey Lessard photograph



Stephanie Donaldson photograph



George Dutka photograph

Editor's Note: Lorraine is conducting a final interview for 2011 BOOM School due to appear in the November issue.

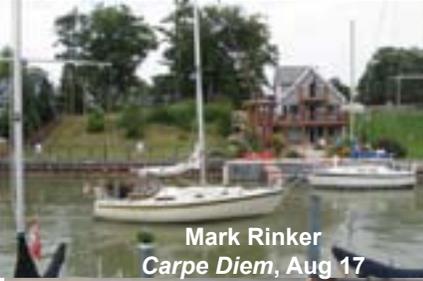
GBYC Pics

George Dutka, Photographer

Werner Heitzmann

Vista, Aug 19

Harry Harris,
Leviathan, July 12



Mark Rinker
Carpe Diem, Aug 17



Mike & John
Schiipperke, June 25



Grand Bend Life Guard
Chair after hours
July 25



Grand Bend Life Guard
Chair after hours
Aug 18



Grand Bend Life Guard
iChair
Aug 19

Captured by George,
Grand Bend Life Guard Chair Usage



Grand Bend
Sunset
Aug 18



Grand Bend
Evening
Aug 19

GBYC More Pics

Lorraine Hunter, Photographer

Beer Tasting Group



Bill Morrison
testing a taster paper cup



Beer Tasting Event organizer, Dave Maguire growing his hair after having a blue, chairty, Tomahawk cut



Gerry Jean with a matching red hat



Bill Gray
Photographer didn't catch him with a beer in his hand LOL



Elusive Port Franks Race #2, distance 7.4 Rounding Mark
The third and final boat rounded almost five hours after the fleet of approximately ten boats started in very light airs which completely died several times.

Sylvia Gozzard, photographer

Bulletin Board



Triangular or a limited number of rectangular burgees continue to be for sale for \$25



Please contact Ray Rogolino or Cat McMahon who have the flags for sale.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 1st: Clubhouse, **Racing Awards Presentation** starts at 4:00 Pm Click to view the 2011 Race results which are posted on the Club's website.



Saturday, October 1st Southcott Pines Clouhouse, **GBYC Annual Banquet and Dance**, Cocktail Reception 5 to 6 PM, Dinner starts at 6:00 PM **Dancing and Raffle Prizes 8:00 PM**



Saturday, October 15, Clubhouse Property,



Goderich Tornado Pics

Lorraine Hunter, Photographer

Editor's Note: Lorraine and Michael road out the Tornado in Goderich Harbour and didn't request danger pay for the pics! LOL



A beautiful square completely destroyed



Trees torn from their roots like matchsticks



Salt Mine heavily damaged



Goderich and Maitland Valley Harbours filled with boats at the time of the Tornado

Amazing that the loss of life wasn't higher!

Greetings

