



**RACING RESULTS**  
WNR &  
Weekend Pursuit



**FAIR WINDS PETER**



**LAKE WINNIPEG 40**



**GYC**

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# THE TELLTALE

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Photo by Lora Lee Bjornson



## Thank You Harbour Authority!

*by Mary Jordon, GYC Manager*

Members, let us show our appreciation to the Harbor Authority / Harbor Masters for their donation of our new shed (North side of the Clubhouse). Did you know they also give us a 50% discount on the slip rental for the Race Committee and Sailing School boats? Next time you are in their office, help us show our appreciation.

New finger docks are on the hard, mostly 27' & some 22' they look well built.

## Save the Lake Fundraiser *by Roger Ramsay*

The Kiwanis Club joined up with GYC for another successful year in working towards saving the lake. Both Lake Winnipeg Foundation and Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium received cheques for \$3856.67 presented by Charlie Burns, GYC Commodore and Paul Stanicky – Kiwanis, to myself, Roger Ramsey, a proud member of the Lake Winnipeg Foundation and Al Kristofferson for LWRC. I was the organizer for GYC and Karen Scott was the organizer for LWRC. Last year the revenues were about 4K so we doubled in one year. GYC and Kiwanis co-partnered the event and was held at GYC club site on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Kudos to all the volunteers that made this a huge success! The GYC site hosted over 200 people which included an information session hosted by Al Kristofferson – LWRC Namao and Alexis Kanu – LWF, discussed the threat of phosphate loading in Lake Winnipeg and the resultant eutrophication that can occur. Our Kiwanis partner ran a delicious fish fry.

## Sailing School and Introduction to Sailing *by Kevin Stewart*

Another solid year with over 50 registrations for our sailing lessons. We offered 12 sessions over a 6 week period in Optimists, Lasers and new this year were two person Albacores. Youth LTS participants become automatic junior members of the club which allows them to use a club boat anytime during the summer. Adult members of the club are also able to use the Lasers and Albacores. This is particularly attractive to those who do not own their own sailboat. They can join Gimli YC and have a boat to sail.

Other changes introduced this year included both a male and a female instructor thanks to support from the Canada Summer Jobs Grant. This proved to be valuable with some of the young girls as they had someone to look up to. We also rebranded the lessons from Sailing School to Learn To Sail. And we identified sessions by CanSail designations rather than beginner, intermediate and advanced labels. We also introduced mandatory helmets for youth sailors.

For the second year we followed up at the end of a session with a survey to the parents asking three questions: Did the participant have fun? Were expectations met? Would you recommend us to others? Plus we allowed open ended comments. Over all results of the survey continued to be strong and feedback showed where we can make improvements.

Eight Interlake businesses and individuals provided scholarships/grants so that Interlake children have the opportunity to experience sailing.



## 2019 Racing, what a season!

### Hec n' Back *by Peter Jones & Daniel L. Mailhiot*

The GYC "Hec and Back" race for 2019 rewarded participants with a potpourri of sailing conditions. Twelve boats crossed the starting line Friday for the first day to Gull Harbour with moderate westerly winds. The 1st leg was down wind the entire way. Resolute true to their name chased down Paragon, dramatically passing them a few meters from the finish line. Trinity that went from 1st to 4th and about to be pushed into 5th changed up tactics in the last 5 miles closing the gap on the leader and finished in 3rd place. Substantial winds picked up from the south that evening forcing a layover day at Gull Harbour and delaying the return race until Sunday. Crews during the layover took advantage of the renovated facilities at Gull Harbour, as well as partaking in an afternoon rum party sponsored by the GYC Commodore. On the return leg the wind was still gusting well over 20knots from the south making for strong headwinds and considerable seas, particularly at the north end of the basin. Indeed, only four boats completed the return leg. Paragon passed Trinity early just as we cleared hecla island and Beamer was closing in. The wind was shifty and each boat tacked several times to try to get into the best position, Trinity came out on top finishing first, followed by Beamer then Paragon. When the overall scores were calculated, the winner of Hec and Back for 2019 was Trinity, with Paragon placing second and Beamer third. Another excellent year for GYC's longest competitive race!



### Leukemia Cup *by Eric Turner*

GYC's 9th annual Leukemia Cup Regatta was held on August 10th. It featured a 10nm pursuit race for keel boats followed by a celebratory dinner. This year's regatta raised around \$9,000 (final totals are not yet available) and brings our fundraising for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada to almost \$50,000. Despite there being around 50 such events in the US, ours remains the only Leukemia Cup Regatta in Canada. We invite other clubs to get involved in this important fundraising. Also, Wolfe and Luann Smythe put on the Summer Solstice Sunset Sail & Spaghetti supper, all funds raised at this event are donated to the Leukemia Foundation.

### Scallywag *by Cliff Carefoot & Dan Mailhiot*

The GYC Scallywag was well attended with many Pirates of all ages, 23 registered boats and 18 raced. It was a Pursuit start with all pirates chasing each other to engage in battle using their artillery of water balloons and water cannons. They sailed around the triangle course twice as they trimmed their sails to the varying NE wind. All points of sail were strategically used to gain full speed and position of advantage. There were no fatal injuries. However, as the first boats neared the finish line, it was Delphi bearing down on Paragon like A Man of War. Alas, Paragon crossed first, Delphi close astern for second, and Chaya for third. This festive occasion was followed by a joyous Happy Hour, a

Maritime Lobster Dinner, and a draw for a Free single GYC 2020 Membership for next year! Fun was had by One and All! Also, a cash donation was made to Evergreen Basic Needs!

Best cannon shot of the race: Trinity broadsided Chaya, first shot hit Skipper Keith in the right arm, causing him to laugh out loud. Captain Dan fired one of his own cannons from his private stock & had a direct hit into the mouth of Keith. Keith was later quoted as saying “I was hoping it was boat water and not lake water as I drank half of it. We felt like the French against Nelson at the battle of Trafalgar with that broadside. Well done. Your guys must be pitchers!”

### Lake Winnipeg 40 *by Cliff Carefoot*

With a mass start of nine boats, all manoeuvring for that perfect start. The west wind caused the tight fleet to display constant sail trim, strategic sail plans and tacking strategies. Paragon was the first boat around the Victoria Beach racing mark. The fluctuating winds were challenging both close to shore at Vic Beach and as we attempted to sail fast to the next mark—the ODAS weather buoy. By this point in the race, boats were everywhere and in every direction with some retiring for various reasons. Rounding the weather mark, we noticed that the lead boats were closer together and some strategic decisions were in order as the wind shifted decidedly to the southwest. Do we sail west to the lee shore to avoid pounding through the waves, or press on southward and face those swells? With group input from our crew of four, Paragon did both but finally headed for the protection of the lee shore. This decision may have softened the waves but not the wind and we were over-canvassed and heeled to the max as we headed for the finish line with Trinity not far behind. After 40 miles and ever-changing conditions that only Lake Winnipeg can offer, five boats finished this gruelling race with Paragon winning by a mere 2 minutes 13 seconds corrected time over Trinity. How much closer can it get over 40 nautical miles? What a race!



### Manitoba Keelboat Championship

Held September 14 & 15, six boats competed in 5 races, 4 boats in 1 Division and 2 boats in 2 Division. Liquor Box is the 2019 Champion, Banue 2<sup>nd</sup>, Nepenthe 3<sup>rd</sup>, Paragon 4<sup>th</sup> with a relatively good weekend for weather after the winds from the south tapered down on Saturday. Brigitte Smutney and Bill Dawson joined the sailing crew from Banue for the weekend, taking a break from the European sailing retirement adventure. The GYC Lake Manitoba race was completed by Finisterre and Trinity, with Trinity winning the Championship.



### Wednesday Night Racing

Thirteen boats competed in 12 races with 6 boats in Division 1, 5 boats in Division 2 and 2 boats in Division 3. The winds of Lake Winnipeg mostly cooperated throughout the summer. Competition was very close with top 3 finishers for each series decided on last race day. Check out GYC Facebook page for more information If you are interested in learning how to race, race by joining a crew contact Gimli Yacht Club directly, through the GYC Facebook page. Many thanks to Mike Guezen and everyone who assisted with running the 2019 WNR.

Right: Division 1 champions  
Liquor Box



Above: Division 2 champions Trinity



Right: Division 3 champions Mañana



## Fair Winds Peter

September 16, 2019 GYC lost long time member Peter Scott- a dedicated sailor and a friend to all.

His sailing experience was extensive - beginning with a home built. After that original boat was sold, Peter along with wife Janine and daughters Jennifer and Lindsay shared a Hughes 22 with another couple, their two children and the family dogs. Those were fun and noisy times!

After that followed Scott Free - a 23 foot Grampian, Scott Free - the CS 27, and finally the CS 33 Rendezvous.

Peter and Janine have belonged to GYC for over 30 years. Peter was a past Commodore, and in 2018 was the recipient of our Honorary Director and Lifetime Member award.

He was a wealth of knowledge- sailing and otherwise. Fellow club members with a mechanical or electrical problem often considered Peter as the first person to be consulted.

He will be greatly missed.

## Thank You GYC Members

Our family would like to send a heartfelt thank you to all GYC members for their kind words and acts of sympathy during a very difficult time. A special thank you to Jim and Deb, Gary and Jacqui, Dave and Wendy for their love and support! Thank you so much!

Sincerely,  
Janine, Lindsay, Jennifer, Riley, Julian and Alexander

## A message from our official photographer Carol Guezen.

The sailing photos will be up on the website until December 15, 2019 so if anyone is interested in purchasing digital/prints they can contact me. To help with order, if the interested parties can include their boat name and the file name as it appears on the website. Contact me via email if you have any questions.



## CPG Photography

*Gimli Yacht Club Wednesday Night Races  
Photography Prices for 2019*

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## Party of Five.

This beautiful path on Black Island lead to an abundant blueberry patch, definitely one of our highlights of the 2019 sailing season.

There is no growth in the comfort zone, get out there and explore.

Editors Corner:

Daniel L. Mailhiot (Trinity)

If you have a story or photos you'd like to see in the next issue of "THE TELLTALE" email them to [dmailhiot@gmail.com](mailto:dmailhiot@gmail.com)

*Stay Warm.*