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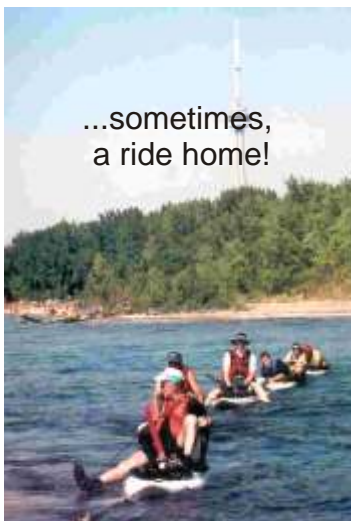
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SUMMER 2005

MAMMOTH RACE WEEKEND IS...

...sometimes,
a ride home!



...a beach start!



...Sat. Sept. 10 - OSA Races
...Sun. Sept. 11 - Around Toronto Islands Race -
11:30
Short Race - 11:30
Learn to Windsurf Race - 11:45

... a Learn to Windsurf race!



...a fun finish!



...a LeMans
start!



..TWC'S
flagship event

BLUE FLAG BEACH...CLOSED TO SWIMMERS? (by Jon Matthews, written by Bill Quantock)

Cherry Beach windsurfers be cheery! Cherry (Clark) Beach was one of four Toronto beaches awarded Blue Flag status (an international eco-label awarded to beaches for excellence in water quality, environmental management, environmental education and safety and services) when the program was introduced to Canada in 2005. So, what's all this about Cherry Beach closed to swimming because of e.coli counts? Windsurfing lessons and racing cancelled for the same reason?

In setting the e-coli count considered safe for swimming, Ontario and the City of Toronto apply a more rigorous standard than anywhere else in Canada.

"The preferred indicator for the presence of sewage is Escherichia coli (E.coli). E.coli is found in the digestive system of warm-blooded animals, including humans. Most strains of E.coli are harmless, but some strains (including 0157:H7) can cause serious illness. If a high density of harmless E.coli is present then it is assumed that other pathogens that might cause illness in swimmers can also be present in the water. Young children, the elderly and those with depressed immune systems are most susceptible to infection. The Ontario Beach Management Protocol is the strongest guideline for the presence of E.coli in North America. It requires the posting of beaches as unsafe for swimming if the level of E.coli exceeds 100 per 100ml of water. Elsewhere in Canada beaches are posted if the E.coli reading exceeds 200 per 100ml of water"(1)

The policy requires a **2 day wait** before reopening even when all evidence says OK. The sign board in front of the Clark Beach rescue station and the Beach Hotline telephone number are often updated within 29 hours (maybe), but webpages take longer. In the 156 days of tests in the summers of 2003 and 2004 the average e-coli count at Cherry Beach was 24 whereas 6 other Toronto beaches averaged; 218, 289, 167, 128, 293,238! To get an average of 24 takes a LOT of VERY good days and VERY few bad.

On the rare occasion that Cherry Beach (at the rescue station) was closed due to high count the test at Wards Island (200 yards west) was always OK, but TWC is about 200 yards east.

In any other province and most other countries, Cherry Beach probably would not have been closed in the last few years...at all! Although Cherry Beach has times when it's closed to swimmers, it still ranks well on an international level for water quality.

Still, s__ __ happens and TWC has developed a policy for future lessons and racing. Members are encouraged to check themselves on water quality if there is any concern. You can check on Cherry Beach water quality by visiting City of Toronto's Toronto beaches water quality pages , or Environmental Defence's Toronto Beach.CA (the link on the front page of TWC's website) or by telephoning Toronto's Beaches Hotline at 416-392-7161 Keep in mind that reports are rarely completely up to date and there is usually a report lag time of at least one day. But, when one of your 'friends' turns their nose up at sailing in "that crappy water at Cherry Beach", give 'em a cheery Cherry broadside of data!" Good sailing and good health!

(1) Toronto Beach. CA

SCHOOL'S IN! (Windsurfing School that is!)

2005 has been a record year for number of lessons and practice rentals, bringing many new members to TWC. Our peak month (July) saw over 240 lessons and practice rentals, mainly under the supervision of paid instructor Simon Rickard (see Why is Simon Smiling? on the backcover) and head instructor/program co-ordinator Andree Gauthier. New instructors Tom and Reet Mae have proven a great addition to the instruction team. The old One Designs in the instruction fleet are rapidly wearing out but the new Hi-Flys are certainly up to the strain, showing little the worse for wear. Saturdays and Sundays are the busy days with instruction/practice fleets of over 20 regularly brightening the Outer Harbour. The instruction team is planning a certificate program for 2006 with courses of four or five lessons leading to a rental-safe certificate which would allow the holder to rent TWC equipment at practice session times.



NEWSY BITS

WHAT'S IN A (OUR) LOGO?

Its been part of the club's heritage for close to 15 years, but even members who have been around TWC a long time aren't sure what our logo stands for. Each letter is drawn to represent something in our sport. The gentle curves in the T represent windsurfing sails. The blue curves of the W represent waves and water and the yellow and orange stylized C with lines radiating from its center represents the sun. Looks better now, doesn't it! (Look for a new logo (with the old incorporated) in the fall.)



LOOK OUT RONALD Mc...OVER 50 SERVED! (That's burgers, not billions!)

Wednesday pay as you go barbecues have become a TWC summer social highlight, regularly serving over 50 burgers a night! Traditional burgers are now accompanied by chips, salads, coleslaw, watermelon, baked potatoes, caramelized onions and huge grins from Wednesday night (and weekend) hosts Paul Carr (spatula man), Scott Marshall and Antonella Mega. The team has stocked TWC fridges with all kinds of pay as you go snacks and beverages and thoroughly enjoys their role as chef/host. One of our members enjoys the barbecues so much, she says Scott would make a great second husband! "It makes members feel more welcome!" he says. Thank-(burp)-you Scott, Antonella and Paul!

UP AND OVER THE TOP FOR MEMBERSHIP AND STORAGE (Jerry Caplan reporting)

This season has been tremendously successful and has seen a 25% + increase in our membership to over 450. This has largely been due to the success of our learners' program and our new clubhouse in its park like setting, which in itself has attracted many new members. As a result of this membership increase, our board storage, for the first time ever, is completely full. While this is wonderful news for the club, it does create a dilemma for next season. With all the slots spoken for, all requests for new storage will need to go on a waiting list, with the hope that slots will open up as members choose not to re-new their storage. Yes, I know that this is really early to be talking about next season, but still...we need to think ahead.

So...

All current members who are storing their equipment need to be reminded that the storage season **ends on April 30, 2006**, so please be sure that your application for the 2006 season is received before that time. Also, an early response will allow you to take advantage of the 'early bird' rate. Check the new application form for details.

To date, the TWC has had a wonderful season. Let's hope for a long and windy fall. Happy Sailing!

"GREENING" OUR PARK IN THE CITY

Working towards a vision of making TWC's site a waterfront park, the club has completed several "greening" initiatives since our last newsletter. Thanks mainly to Nick LeDonne, TWC's defunct lawn irrigation system has been revitalized, extended and improved. It's now fully automated and waters the lawn nightly...so successfully providing green rigging space that the goose population has added its support! Cedar hedges have been planted on the east and west sides of the clubhouse to soften the appearance of the building and to dissuade graffiti artists. Ten poplars have been planted along the perimeter of our leased area in the hopes that eventually there'll be more shade at TWC. Thanks to the volunteers who assisted with these efforts. Lend a hand with our next "green" initiative...re-painting the storage containers green or when the bucket brigade is watering the new trees...they're thirsty and this has been a hot, dry summer!



Nick puts the finishing touches on TWC's lawn irrigation system.



TWC poplar planters

LOCK BEFORE YOU LEAVE!

On at least two occasions, members who have been last to leave have left the gate and even clubhouse open and unlocked. A reminder that if you're last to leave, you're responsible for locking. Our clubhouse design was chosen to be resistant to vandalism but it won't do that for long if the doors are left wide open.



Hayes crosses the fleet on port at the start of a May TWC Wed - nighter.

TWC CLUB RACING...WINDFESTS NOT!

TWC racing has brought light winds, new equipment, new faces and great barbecues to Wednesday nights. When he's here in Toronto, David Hayes has competed on the new Olympic RSX board and rig while Mike Keltz has used an RSX sail and will soon add the RSX board. The RSX men's sail is a 9.5, but it's not the jumbo of the Wed night fleet. 11.0 metre rigs are regulars on our start lines while most of the fleet has stuck to the traditional 7.5 rig. Come join us! You're always welcome. Accompanying is the standings as of early August.

TOP TEN TWC RACERS AS OF EARLY AUGUST 2005

Sail #	Skipper	Total
34	Dincer Kocalar	28
1711	Paul Carr	29
440	Keith Whiston	40
32	Nick Cox	50
443	Bob Shuttleworth	52
89	David Hayes	54
1117	Andre Gauthier	54
141	Mike Keltz	69
45	Jon Matthews	75
130	John Darling	80

2005 OSA STANDINGS AFTER FOUR EVENTS

Pl	Sail #	Skipper	Total
1	32	Nick Cox	40
2	141	Mike Keltz	51
3	443	Bob Shuttleworth	55
4	257	Stephanie Todd	68
5	89	David Hayes	71
6	45	Jon Matthews	81
7	1711	Paul Carr	91
8	1117	Andree Gauthier	91
9	81	Ian Matthews	104
10	144	Mike Tindall	110

OSA RACING CIRCUIT 2005

TWCer Jon Matthews has run the Ontario Sailing (OSA)'s Summer Windsurfing Race Series for the last several years, providing an opportunity for racers to travel to and race in a number of windsurfing hotspots in the province in the company of fellow racers and friends. In the past the OSA circuit has visited Wasaga Beach and Barrie and this year will race in Toronto, Kingston and Ottawa. Racers may participate in single events or sign up for the whole season. (five weekend events) Equipment used for racing is similar to that used at TWC Wednesday night races with some formula racers joining in if there's enough wind. OSA will hold its season closer at TWC on September 10 as part of Mammoth Race Weekend. See the Racing section on TWC's website and come join the fun!



Hayes on his FE equipment at the Gorge FE Worlds.

FORMULA EXPERIENCE JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPION...TWC'S DAVID HAYES!

Canadians were the top North American racers in every category at the recent Gorge Formula Experience Worlds and our own David Hayes is the Junior Fleet (8.5 m2) World Champion! TWC's Ian Matthews finished 13th in the 11.0 m series. Well done guys! Run from July 31 – August 6, in the Columbia River Gorge, the event saw winds gusting into the 30 knot range and fleets of nearly 40 racers! In David's fleet, competitors were allowed to discard three races...David ended up discarding two seconds!



TWCer Ted Hunter leads the pack around the mark in the recent Hawaii State Slalom Championships.

ALOHA TWC! (Norah Jackson reporting, written by Bill Quantock)
 Half way around the world, in Maui, TWC racers excel! Ted Hunter and Norah Jackson continue to live a life that most of us can only dream about. When they're on a windsurfer they're living life at a speed most of us will rarely reach! In the recent Starboard State Championships, Ted placed second in his division (Masters) and Norah was third in the Women's Open! Well done folks! Not content with a podium finish in slalom racing, Ted won the Masters division of the August 7, Navman Maui Speed Challenge Series event with a speed of 31.37 knots! (Over 60 km/h) in the conditions described as "light winds"! (We should have such light winds at Cherry Beach!)



Ted at over thirty knots in the Navman Maui Speed Challenge Series, Aug 7.

WHERE'S THE WIND? (data compliments of )

"It's been a great season!" says the deeply tanned windsurfer in front of me. I listen carefully. This is not the story most sailors at Cherry Beach offer about 2005! The speaker is TWC's Lee "Formula" and his story is not that surprising. (Lee has an almost 12 metre sail on his Formula board) Although Cherry Beach is blessed with lots of light wind days in August (perfect for beginners) 15+ mph days (shortboarder days) are rare. Your planing choices are; 1. Buy huge formula equipment like Lee's or 2. Search through the data here, listen to forecasts and choose your days and spots carefully. There is wind out there!

"Every year windsurfing technology lowers the planing threshold by one knot. Every year produces one knot less wind." S. Gottlieb, Aerotech Sails



	Average # Days >15mph	Average # Days >20mph	Average # Days >25mph
Ontario			
Cherry Beach	3	1	0
Frenchman's	3	0	
Keswick	8	2	0
Minet's Pt.	7	1	0
Wasaga Beach	8	2	0
Sunset Point	9	4	0
Sauble Beach	11	4	1
Rondeau Bay	8	3	1
Crystal	10	4	1
Hamilton Hrb	8	3	0
Kingston	12	5	1

This table shows the average number of days in Aug that the wind exceeds 15, 20, 25mph for at least an hour between 7AM and 6PM. Note, a blank in a column shows that no days this month on iWindsurf.com record have ever exceeded this strength; a zero indicates that winds this strong have been recorded but are not typical.

Massachusetts			
West Dennis	19	8	2
Kalmus	20	12	5
Hawaii			
Kihei	18	11	4
Kanaha	23	11	3
Ho'okipa	13		



WHY IS SIMON SMILING?

I dropped in to a Saturday morning windsurfing lesson at TWC the last couple of last weekends. Half the class were women! The fact it was a pretty hot day and all the students were wearing bathing suits had nothing to do with me noticing or having to try out my new camera as the class practised.

At Wednesday night practices and barbecues same thing...lots of women...often in swimsuits... I'm beginning to understand why instructor Simon always has a big smile on his face! There are even a few more women out on the race course wearing bathing suits(a distraction that should be disallowed in the racing rules!) where you better look out for Andree...on any given night she'll whup most if not all the guys!

Whether it's Andree's charisma, Simon's charm, a more civil and inviting clubhouse, better equipment or a really hot summer it's been a refreshing addition to a sport where men often drastically outnumber women!

To you, ladies!

LATE SEASON CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 10 11 MAMMOTH RACE WEEKEND- OSA #5 (Sat)/ MAMMOTH MARATHON race around Toronto Islands, (Sun) :
torontowindsurfingclub.ca

REGISTRATION FOR SPRING 2006 HATTERAS TRIP AVAILABLE THIS MONTH...WATCH WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

- 15-22 CMWA Women's Fall Clinic/Get -Together, Port Bolster (L.Simcoe)
 Stephanie Todd surfite@sympatico.ca Andree Gauthier andree.Gauthier@rogers.com
- 24-25 Last Instruction days
- 28 Last night for Wed. racing
- OCTOBER 5 - Race Wrap-Up**
- 15-22 Fall Hatteras Trip Andre Jubinville and Sue Thomas 416-323-9661
- 22-29 CMWA Fall Hatteras Trip David Culliford (d.culliford@rogers.com)
- 29-Nov. 5 CMWA Fall Hatteras Trip David Culliford (d.culliford@rogers.com)
- NOVEMBER 12- ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND DINNER DANCE** (Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club)



How come nobody else plays with this? This is a great toy!

WINDSURFING WEIRD!



Kiwi Dave walks on water with his new Hyper Sonic!



Theses guys are really desperate for wind!



Biff! Bop! Dincer KO's an unruly mark!



Well ,since TWC is out of storage spaces, maybe nobody will notice if I leave it here!