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**Greetings from the Bridge – President Bill Graham**

Enough rain already! (That’s what I said in June, but it still stands true!) Wow this was a wet boating season!

Your board has signed an agreement with Toronto ACBS and the Manotick club, so that if you are a member of either of these boat clubs, you are able to go to each club’s events and pay the same price as the members of the hosting club.

Jim Watt has officially retired from our Board of Directors after many years of dedicated service. On behalf of the club, I would like to publically thank Jim for all of the work and service that he has done for the club! He was our salesman, host, Past President, correspondent, and friend. I’m sure he will still be at our outings and remain a member. Next time you see Jim, please thank him!

Catherine McLeod does an amazing job with our Social Media and keeping our website up to date. Thanks Catherine! Please continue to check our web site often to see what events are coming up, pictures from past events, and of course our classified ad section.

Murray Parnell and Ronny Haylock were able to pull some strings and we put on a display at the Ontario Speed Boat Racing weekend in Peterborough in September. It was a great weekend and we were one of the highlights at the show!

In my mind, the purpose of our club is to have fun, use our boats, and provide knowledgeable information about antique boats, motors, maintenance and safety.

Please have a safe and wonderful holiday season.



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## ***Welcome Aboard New Members!***

The TSACBA wishes to acknowledge the recent additional members that have come aboard since our last newsletter:

James Clarke from Bowmanville  
Ken Glover from Mississauga  
Paul Pickard from Peterborough  
Peter Vanderlind from Chesterville  
Rob Warren from Fenelon Falls



### ***TSACBA Clothing***

Remember we have a great partnership with Peterborough's Mark's Work Warehouse. You can have the TSACBA logo attached to clothing you buy at the store or take your own piece of clothing in to have it embroidered with the logo. Just go to the back desk at the store. For more information go to <http://www.trentsevernantiqueboats.com/member.htm> on our website.

### ***Offer to TSACBA Members***



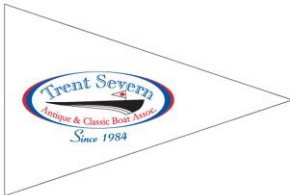
#### **Captain Jim's**

Antique & Classic Boat Hardware  
New & Used Parts for Sale We ship worldwide

Long time TSACBA member Jim Walter, owner of Captain Jim's Antique & Classic Boat Hardware, is offering all members listed in the TSACBA Directory a 10 per cent discount on any orders over \$50 for items purchased from his website at <http://www.captain-jims.com/>. If ordering from his website, add "Trent

Severn" after your name when placing your order, or mention it either in a phone call to Jim at 705-887-3334 or if contacting him by email at [capt.jim@i-zoom.net](mailto:capt.jim@i-zoom.net)

### ***TSACBA Burgees***



You can purchase a TSACBA burgee at a cost of \$15 to fly on your vessel! To order a burgee, please contact Past President Jeff Souch by phone at 705-292-0273 or by email at [ppresident@trentsevernantiqueboats.com](mailto:ppresident@trentsevernantiqueboats.com).

### ***Board of Directors 2017***

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**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!**

## ***Trent Severn Antique & Classic Boat Association 2018 Events***

*Check the Events page on our website for detailed information as it becomes available on planned events for 2018*



**It's never too early to plan for 2018. Put this event on your calendar...Boat The Blue, the 2018 Antique & Classic Boat Society 43rd Annual Meeting & International Boat Show, Port Huron, Michigan, September 14-15, 2018. Details will be posted at <http://boattheblue.com/> as well as on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/BoatTheBlue/>. If you visit our website you can download full details from the item on the home page or on the events page.**

### ***Web Words – Web Administrator Catherine McLeod***

If you were out to our website or visited our Social Media sites during late October and into November you might have been a bit disappointed to see there were no current updates. I apologize to everyone for that misstep! My husband Bill Barthorpe and I left Canada on October 15, 2017 to travel to southeast Georgia, just north of the Florida border, to spend the winter on our Motor Home. We travelled until November 1, 2017 exploring historical sites along the way and spending a lot of time in other parts of Georgia being tourists. Unfortunately we had only limited Internet access at various times so despite the kind words from our President updates to the website and Social Media updates were not in the cards.

Once we arrived in Townsend, Georgia, after a few days of getting settled in and enjoying a week of summer weather (something we basically missed in Ontario this year) I was able to get caught up to some extent and this past week I have been able to ensure everything is up to date on all our sites.

So now as you are looking out at the snow I hear has fallen boot up your computer and check on our website for photos from the Chemong Yacht Haven Run & Lunch in September, read about the event in Port Huron next year, and don't forget to take a scroll through the Photo Gallery page and visit photos, videos, and information from the past year and several other years to keep you in the boating mood. Our Board Member Daryl Bissett told me he went out to the website to check something and more than 45 minutes later he was still surfing through items on the site with great interest! "There's a lot to see out there," he commented.

Constantly drawing attention...as of this writing (December 12, 2017) we have had 39,316 people visit our website, which is just shy of 5,000 more people than the statistics quoted in our last newsletter; we now have 151 followers on our Twitter site; and we have reached a new target with 833 likes on our Facebook page, up from 765 as reported in the last newsletter! If you are on Facebook be sure to visit our site and like it. Our goal for 2018 is to reach more than 1,000 likes. You can help make that happen.

And stay tuned for the Spring newsletter where we will reveal some exciting news for all of you who attend our various events throughout the year...Coming Soon!

As a side note if you are interested in a 1937 Peterborough Sailing Skiff check this out: <http://www.boats.com/sailing-boats/1937-peterborough-sailing-skiff-6047287/>. I may have to slip upstate and check it out myself this winter!

## *Peterborough Canada Day Parade July 1, 2017*

*Write up provided by Daryl Bissett and Photos provided by Daryl Bissett, Jeff Souch, and Ruth Passant*

I love a parade, the tramping of feet,  
I love every beat I hear of a drum.  
I love a parade, when I hear a band  
I just want to stand and cheer as they come.  
That rat-a tat-tat, the blare of a horn.  
That rat-a tat-tat, a bright uniform;  
The sight of a drill will give me a thrill,  
I thrill at the skill of everything military.  
I love a parade, a handful of vets,  
A line of cadets or any brigade,  
For I love a parade.  
I LOVE A PARADE

*From the Cotton Club show "Rhythmania" (1931)  
(Music: Harold Arlen / Lyrics: Ted Koehler)*

If you hum the tune and agree with the sentiments then you would have loved the Peterborough Canada Day Parade which included 12 classic TSACBA boats. Nothing was missing – the thump of the bass drums, the skirl of the pipes, bright uniforms, and many appreciative cheers. From start to finish, George Street was a sea of red, on signs, flags and shirts, blinding to the eye but exciting the quiet Canadian pride in 150 years of progress.

At 10:30 a.m. the boats gathered at the assembly area on McDonnell Street east of Aylmer - in front of the former PCVI. The parade committee was firm in making sure that those who brought horses to the event maintained responsibility for their own tidiness. Thankfully there were no horses in front of our display. The time was well used as the members brought out flags, banners, brightly colored umbrellas and some impressive headgear. (Tim Jackson attired in a chrome red colored wig.)



The event started promptly at 12 Noon and took participants about



an hour to proceed down the length of George Street ending at Lansdowne. Jim Watt lead with his 1985 Century Arabian and each boat that followed maintained the high standard which is the TSACBA norm. The Potts family was out in force with their 10' Spierscraft "L'ill Putts". Doug and Cathy were accompanied by their son Rick and grandson David and the boat was bought by Doug for use by his then teenaged son. L'ill Putts is still used today by Doug and Cathy's grandson making the boat a three-generation family heirloom. There is a guarantee that the boating tradition will be continued in the Potts family as at 11, David has passed his boat operator's test and has obtained his license. Murray Parnell graced the event by towing his entry with his classic 1970 Chevelle, appropriately colored red.

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## *Canada Day...continued*

The crowd was typically Canadian with quiet parents explaining the floats to their interested children. The boats brought many smiles and waves and you could almost read the lips of some of the older spectators saying, “we had that boat at the cottage.”

It was gratifying to receive both the friendly comments and praise for the beauties in tow and a pleasure to see the warm smiles that the boats brought forth. The parade was over all too soon but not the day.



Tim Jackson and Ruth Giles graciously invited parade participants to a pool party at their home following the parade.

After returning the boat we headed for Tim and Ruth’s home. The weather was supposed to be intermittent rain but we had a clear day with no rain and mostly sunshine, ideal conditions for poolside relaxation.

The afternoon passed in the most pleasurable way accompanied by boat restoration stories, cruise news and plans for next year. For the most part, the group was comprised of long time TSACBA members who had attended or organized every cruise, run and workshop the association had offered, and by doing so had become fast friends.

It became obvious that the TSACBA is not merely an association of people who own old boats. The afternoon was an insight into the reason for the continuing success of the TSACBA. It is not built on boats. It is built on relationships.

See more photos at <http://www.trentsevernantiqueboats.com/can17.htm>



## *Half and Half, A Restoration Demonstration Project*



In August of 2017 the club was offered a 1952 cedar Strip Lakefield boat, the Seminole model. This offer was made by Phil and Lenore Anderson of Havelock, ON. They were given the boat by Ab Vass, son of Leonard Vass who bought the boat new from Lakefield Boats Limited. Before the boat was given to Phil and Lenore it spent its life on Clear Lake not very far from where it was built.

Often we get asked if an antique or classic boat found in an old barn, garage or field is worthwhile restoring and, if so, what it would take to complete that restoration. The club has accepted the boat from Phil and Lenore that they had been keeping in their back yard on wooden blocks under a tarp. Over the years the elements and snow



load had taken their toll but we decided it would be perfect to use it for a restoration demonstration project.

The idea is to fully restore one complete side of the boat from front to back and leave the other side just as it was at the start. We will also do the same with a similar vintage Johnson outboard motor that would have been on the boat when originally purchased. We also felt that we could do the same with a trailer as long as it was road worthy and could be restored to meet all of the required safety standards. We will fully document the restoration process and post photographs and a written description on our web site. When the boat is finished we will take it to public events to show people just what can be done and hopefully encourage them to undertake restoration projects of their own and get involved in the antique and classic boat community.

The project team is comprised of Murray Parnell, Jeff Souch, Tim Jackson, Daryl Bissett, and John Gullick with technical and historical assistance from Prior Smith, the club's resident expert on Lakefield boats who has restored three Lakefield Seminoles.

See more photos of the boat at <http://www.trentsevernantiqueboats.com/project.htm>



## *Trent Hills Canada 150 Flotilla Friday July 14 and Saturday July 15, 2017*

*Write up and Photos provided by Charlotte Hughes*

On a day that looked very much like more rain, Mother Nature cleared the sky and brought on the hot sun and blue sky to provide boaters with optimal conditions. Although water levels were okay, currents were running strong making locking up somewhat of a challenge at times. Locking up proved interesting but we managed without any casualties to boaters or their crafts.

Some of our folk attended the kick-off celebration hosted by the Campbellford & District Curling & Racquet Club Friday night. Appetizers were served at 5:30 p.m. followed by a dinner at 6:30 p.m. and an evening of music and dancing. The Donegal Fiddlers provided entertainment.



Early risers were treated to pancakes, sausages, coffee, and juice on Saturday morning at the Old Mill Park and then proceeded to the launch ramp at the Campbellford Tennis Courts/Lawn Bowling Club. If you hadn't already picked up your welcome package from Trent Hills then John Gullick made sure that each boat received this gift bag at the entrance. John then organized the launching at the ramp of 14 Disappearing Propeller Boats (Dippies) and 18 power boats from the Trent Severn Antique & Classic Boat Association. This proved quite an onerous task. The flotilla was scheduled to leave Campbellford at 10:00 a.m. but ran about 30 minutes late due to such a large number of launchings to organize.

At Lock 15 Healey Falls, everyone was given a boxed lunch and cold beverage - excellent food and much appreciated. After passing through Healy Falls Locks 16 and 17, and the required 10 mph zones, we finally got into open water and enjoyed some speed towards Hastings. Some of the first boats made a pit-stop at Ronny Haylock's. It is easy to find Ronny's home because of the wonderful flowers blooming profusely in every corner of the yard and surrounding the house.



Last lock - Hastings #18 - and after more than five hours of boating it was on to docking space on the south side of the river. It is always wonderful to know that at the end of the trip there are so many helpers waiting on the docks to assist. Picnic tables were plentiful and so was the food that included BBQ chicken, pulled pork, baked beans, potato salad, pasta salad, coleslaw, and pop or water. The service was excellent and the food - finger lickin' good. After a long day on the water most people welcomed the opportunity to sit, relax, visit with friends, and enjoy excellent music by radio personality & vocalist Shaun Savoy & multi-award-winning Keyboardist Steve O'Connor.

We'd be sure to miss someone if we tried to thank everyone but we do know that a lot of individuals and organizations were involved in planning and executing this celebratory event. "You did a wonderful job and the members of the Trent Severn Antique & Classic Boat Association wish to thank each and everyone for your kindness and hospitality. We had a great time!!"



## 2017 Port of Newcastle Wooden Boat Festival Saturday July 22, 2017

*Write up and Photos provided by Rich Hughes*



Dating back to 1838, the Port of Newcastle has no doubt had its share of wooden boats over the years. Each year the marina hosts a wooden boat festival that is open for the public to attend.

This year a number of Trent Severn Antique & Classic Boat Association members brought their boats to be displayed during the event. Ken Lavalette of Woodwind Yachts organized the display on both land and a few in the water.

With water levels of Lake Ontario being six feet higher than last year, there was some question as to being able to access the docks and ramp. But a couple of boats still managed to get in the water and actually get on the lake for a run.



Even though there were a few moments of light rain, it didn't stop spectators from coming out to enjoy the boats. Thanks to all those that participated and a special thanks to Ken Lavalette for putting the event together.





## *Chemong Yacht Haven Run & Lunch Saturday September 9, 2017*

*Photos provided by Chris Bullen*



On Saturday September 9, 2017 the Association held its last “in-water” event of the year, the Chemong Yacht Haven Run & Lunch. There were about 30 people in attendance with 11 boats participating. Some of the boats went on a run as far as Buckhorn where they stopped for a look around. Back at Chemong Yacht Haven everyone participated in a BBQ lunch. Between bites, the crowd chatted, told boat stories, talked about Kijiji finds, reminisced about prior trips this summer, and enjoyed the camaraderie of friends... all still basking in the sun. As the afternoon slid away, so did the crowd, happy, content and with another summer of boating behind them - but ready for the Christmas party!

See more photos at <http://www.trentsevernantiqueboats.com/chemong17.htm>



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## *Fire Extinguisher Recall*

2.7 million Canadian fire extinguishers are being recalled for being defective. Be sure to check the fire extinguishers on your boat(s) and elsewhere to see if they are safe or need to be returned. Further information online at the Peterborough Examiner, <http://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/2017/11/02/more-than-40m-kidde-fire-extinguishers-that-may-not-work-recalled-in-canada-and-the-us> and on CBC Business News (this link includes photos) <http://www.cbc.ca/news/business/fire-extinguisher-recall-1.4383656>



## *Update on Link Donation from TSACBA Past President Jim Watt*

A few years ago I was able to donate this boat to the Gananoque Boat Museum and at the same time Murray Parnell donated a matching 1950 Johnson QD 10 motor. The boat had been in storage for about 40 years and was in mint shape.

The Museum has taken the upper room in their building - open to the public- and using the boat as a centre piece built their Board Room Table around it. The rest of the room has been made to look like a cottage from the 50s.

The picture on the wall is of the employees of Link Manufacturing Co. who made the boat. In 1929 Ed Link invented and patented the first flight simulator. To be able to sell these units to the Commonwealth countries he built a plant in Gananoque Ontario. The building is still there today and has been converted into Condos. It is about 200 yards from the Gananoque Museum. If you are in Gananoque do drop in and see this museum it is worth the time.



See more photos at <http://www.trentsevernantiqueboats.com/link.htm>