

Mooredale Sailing Club Spring Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Work Parties

Saturday April 10, 17

Open House at Clubhouse

Sunday May 2

New Members Info Nights at "C'est What?"

Thursday April 11

Classes Start Dates

A - April 28

S - May 1

Plus - May 4

Bronze - May 6

Race Training Start Dates

March 29 (Winter Series)

April 12 (Regular Series)

Renew your Membership!

Before March 30st

for a \$50 discount

416.461.3660 - www.mooredale.com - April 2010



Message from your Commodore

Welcome New Members and Returning Sailors! Spring is here...so put away your ice skates that many of you used on the frozen lake by the club and get out your sailing gear! I am looking forward to this new season. Your executive and lots of volunteers worked hard to improve our clubhouse, create a long term strategic plan, bring attention to our club, organize our volunteer's efforts, and rethink the way we do some of the things.



First up will be the spring clean up.

George K. has put together a plan for our upcoming spring clean up. It will involve the painting of our change room, cleanup of the cupboards, and of course gardening! The docks will be put back on the water on April 10th.

We will then put together our amazing fleet of boats.

We will flip the boats, give a good cleaning and make note of what repairs need to be carried out. The boat captains will assemble and measure. We also intend to weigh the boats to make sure we go real fast!! A boat captain meeting will be held early in the season so watch for an email from Jeff Krause our Fleet Captain. For the balance of the members who prefer to just hang out, you will be able to access the free wifi and just relax.

Race Training has already begun, with winter sessions held monthly. The sessions at the clubhouse begin at the end of APRIL!!! Stay tuned. These sessions are for everyone, whether you intend to race or if you are a skipper or crew, so mark your calendars for Monday nights.

There will also be a "test" night for everyone. In order to helm ANY races you would have had to pass the test. A simple Crew test will also be given in order to raise the level of competency. Please don't be afraid to take these tests it really is a learning experience!!

Since we now have a digital video camera you will be able to watch yourself after the water sessions....life will never be the same! We are also planning to make a series of "How to" videos to standardize our practices around the club. You can contact your executive committee members if you would like to make videos for training, racing or social events.

The new members will be guided through courses with the mandatory addition of "boat work session" and a "race training" session. We will also have a CD to teach the proper way to rig a boat. Frank Newton, our Training Officer is excited and busy preparing a healthy schedule for our new members. For our newest returning members there will be Rust Remover sessions so that you can renew your skills. Again everyone is welcome to come to these classes.

Our first social of the season is currently being planned by Christine Kelly, our Social Maven with the legs! We are always open to new ideas or spontaneous parties, so let your hair down and have fun; that's what the club is about!

Behind the scenes we have a number of people who rarely quit. Fred Fellouse who, along with his team, keeps us updated with weekly news bits. If you are not receiving regular updates then please contact Fred to ensure that your emails aren't going to spam. The website is under development with further improvements. Check it out regularly to see what aspects might suit your needs: www.mooredale.com. Jason McVeigh, the Vice Commodore, is responsible for safety (have you seen this guy???) both on the water and off. He is also our liaison to Rosedale Moore Park Association (RMPA) which every Mooredale member by virtue of your sailing membership is also a member. Check out their courses and see if anything there interests you.....if

you have any time left over when we're done with you!

Your executive put together a "Task list". The goal is to spread the work load between all the members of our great club. Please contact the executive member responsible for the area you are interested in participating in. You will find the "Task list" along with this newsletter and also online at www.mooredale.com/members/ressources/ Thanks for your time and energy! Most of you know Andria Frej who is responsible for membership. You will know that **returning membership is early this year** so make sure that you don't miss the date. If you see a wild painted "myrtle" around the city, it's Andria and her team doing some sort of membership drive, you are always welcome to stop by and chat up some new members.

As for me...well I just hang around watching all the activity unfold. Oops where's my sailing gear, Fred and I are off to Florida for the first regatta of the

Highlights

- **Clubhouse renovation** for the pleasure of all our members and guests
- **Strategic Plan** for our club future
- **Events** to raise awareness about the club
- **Organize our volunteer's efforts:** spread the work load!
- **Training** is more than just sailing...
- **Video for all!** Use our Video camera for training, racing, social, membership and more!

Commodore:
Teresa Miolla

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Fun it was, Fun it will be!



Our social calendar for this year is already filling up fast, with our Opening social, our fabulous Wednesday night dinners, the Mooredale Regatta, and other "new wave" social events. For less than \$10, members and their guests regularly get the best bargain in the city – with the various groups hosting the dinners often competing for the best theme, menu, and activities. Great fun is had by all! We have the classes

Learn how to sail at Mooredale



Get ready for the summer of 2010! It is going to be a great year.. We have set the bar pretty high and you can bet you will be seeing a lot of me. Please come and say hello, your feedback is essential for improving our programs.

As always, our **rust remover** program, **White Sail Plus**, will start in early spring for returning members. We are counting on experienced members to be available for these classes to help with

hosting a dinner, Pablos famous dinner and other's a welcome to host.

Our members enjoy coming up with special social events at the club that highlight their interests beyond sailing! In the Fall, Irina and Daniel threw an amazing party by inviting two world class musicians (see Youtube videos). This Spring, members will be invited to contribute to and attend a **Spring Art Show** curated by Collette Laliberte! Stay tuned for

more details. We encourage member-run social events! Please contact me at social@mooredale if you have an event you have in mind and we'll discuss to make it happen!

Social Convenor:
Christine Kelly



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<http://mooredale.com/cm/social>
the tune up.

This year's program will continue to provide the highest in CYA certified training, but will also focus on developing well rounded members. Students will understand basic **boat maintenance**, fiberglass and club policy before being issued their White Sail Certificate. "**Video Progress**" program will help new sailors see results faster. With the support of experienced members Mooredale offers the complete sail training package. Mooredale Training Team is always available to lend a hand when needed. We need volunteer coaches. Please email training@mooredale to sign up. This year **bronze class** will be held in may/june so sign up early. You can count on this being a summer to remember! Hope to see you all in the spring.

Training Officer:
Frank Newton



Memberships

Renew your Membership before **March 30** for a \$50 discount

Open House - Clubhouse
Sunday **May 2nd**

New Members Info Night
at "C'est What?"
Sunday **April 11, 3pm**

"Last year we had an awesome group of new members! Welcome to all the new and returning members!"



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<http://moredale.com/cm/join-now>

How Can I Help My Club?

"Well, there's lots you can do! Tell friends and family about the club, or people at work, or put up a poster where you play tennis or squash."

Ian Mill, Treasurer
treasurer@mooredale

From The Treasury

After another great year of sailing at Mooredale during 2009 - we had loads of financial successes to share with the membership during our September meeting. But the work never stops for us, our 2010 Budget was approved during our January meeting and we are planning for another banner year at Mooredale!

2009 will be a tough year to follow but we are up to the challenge at Mooredale and hope to just keep getting better and better financial results each and every year. Also, in 2010 we are going to strive for greater financial transparency and an even better audit trail for the next generation at Mooredale. Look forward to seeing all of you on the water in 2010!

Treasurer:

Ian Mills
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In Video...

A fully illustrated, subtitled, and edited video of the 2010 budget meeting is available online. This meeting went beyond the and dealt with important matters for our club: the club strategic plan, member's questions and propositions, executive member's updates and projects for 2010, key elements of the 2010 budget.

Please contact communication@mooredale to gain access to this 20 minute long video.



Club History

Prehistory

Back in the mists of time before Mooredale history actually began, there was a marsh described as a "malarial swamp teeming with pestilence and disease" where the Don River emptied into Lake Ontario.

In the first half of the 20th century the governments of the day decided to develop the area, and over the decades it was land-filled to provide space for a future big ship harbour and commercial development away from the city centre. In the late 1960s a plan was hatched whereby a protective spit would be constructed to provide a breakwater for the commercial harbour - this would later become the Leslie Street Spit.

The sailing tradition begins

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, recreational interests were mobilizing including dinghy sailors from RCYC (who would later become Water Rats), multihull sailors and rowers, potential Olympics organizers (Montreal was being considered for the 1976 Olympics and Toronto was seen as a potential sailing site), and community organizations - Westwood, St. Jamestown and Rosedale-Moore Park (Mooredale).

The area was considered a good place for boating, partly because the Hearn Generating Station (still standing but not operating) provided a discharge of warm water that would keep the ice at bay and lengthen the boating season. A co-operative called Outer Harbour Sailing Federation was formed and given authority over the lands east of Cherry Beach and south of Unwin Road until such point in time that the commercial harbour was built and would take over the land. This never happened, but the sailing clubs are on the original sites, and the OHSF still exists today!

Mooredale makes its debut

In 1972 Mooredale Sailing Club began operations. The Leslie Street Spit had not yet been begun at this point and the little spit extending east from the Water Rats area was just being started. The club opened directly onto the lake. Sailing was first conducted in some bor

rowed "Petrels", and beginners and enthusiasts taught the classes. The buildings were some old school temp buildings acquired for a song and hauled into the area under cover of darkness! These are the buildings that you still see today!

One of our first instructors was the then 15-year old Barrie Farrell, who is still a fixture at Mooredale. Another was Cathy Thomas, who until recently was a member. And one of the founding members, Arnold Bayley, is still with us too!

The Club comes into its own

Before long, Mooredale bought 5 used Albacores from North Toronto Sailing Club (now Toronto Island Sailing Club). The other clubs also bought Albacores, and the Albacore tradition has continued to the point where the Toronto Albacore fleet is now one of the largest one-design fleets anywhere in the world.

Until 2000, the club consisted almost entirely of used boats - Albacores plus a few Lasers. Somewhere along the way a Hobie catamaran was added. Beginning in 2000 Mooredale began buying new Albacores on a regular basis; in 2009 the club bought 3 new Albacores. We also boast 4 Lasers, 2 Hobies and a canoe, plus the power



craft needed for safety and to conduct classes and races.

The Rats Spit and the Leslie Street Spit were built out gradually with landfill to their current length and thus, the current Outer Harbour took shape. The club had no electricity until the mid-1990's and still does not have running potable water... all of which contributes to the rustic cottagey feel of the

club - right in the middle of Toronto.

The racing tradition begins

The Albacore racing began in the 1970's and grew over time to the large fleets that we have today. Regularly on a race night you will see a fleet of over 50 boats competing - an impressive site!

Beginning in the 1990's, Mooredale began winning the coveted Spanish Donkey trophy, for the top club in the May-September Friday evening races, on an annual basis. This streak ended in 2008 when St. Jamestown took the honour. In 2010 we will win it back! The club includes within it's membership many past winners of trophies, cups, and championships. Most recently, our current commodore, Teresa Miolla, won the Canadian Championship in 2008.



We look forward to the next forty years!

MSC Historian:

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George, we all wish you a speedy recovery!

Home sweet Home!

Winter has again put all our sailing needs on hold, but I for one advocated sailing right into December and January. Unfortunately, and may I add without satisfactory reason, I was told that it was a bad idea. Either way, a new season of glorious sailing is right around the corner and I am sure everybody is highly anticipating it.

Our "cottage in the city" has gone through some major aesthetic improvements over autumn and well into winter. We should always keep in mind



that it was all possible through the collective will at Mooredale to make things better.

It is this sense of community that is needed again in the new season.

The positive transformations inside the clubhouse need to be extended outside to the grounds with some much needed landscaping, cleanup, and painting.



I am a new member to Mooredale and I have been amazed at the willingness of members new and old to be involved in helping around the club. It is for this reason that I know I will be able to count on you to help with work parties in the spring and throughout the summer.

Please feel free to contact me if you want to participate in work parties or you believe you are good at specific tasks. I look forward to seeing you all.



House and Grounds Officer:
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Spring Work Party

Saturdays **April 10 & 17**

Check the **website's calendar** for up-to-date information on the next work parties!

<http://mooredale.com/cm/current-events>

The club for every member, all the members for the Club!

To help spread the workload among all members, we created a "Task List". Have a look at it, contact your executive members and "adopt a task"!



New sails today, new sails tomorrow

Don't know about all you folks but I am itching to get back on the water. My experience last year as a new member at Mooredale greatly exceeded my expectations on all fronts – social and racing. I returned to racing after an inexplicable 25+ year absence and thoroughly enjoyed getting trounced all year by the talented Mooredale fleet. The concept of a member operated community sailing club is wonderful, and I accepted becoming fleet captain to be my part of volunteering.

Thanks to Bob Logue and all the members who last year put in time and effort in maintaining our fleet! Last year we welcomed three brand new albacores. While there will be no new boats this year, during the year we are putting

Racing



Don't let this intimidate you. Racing in the Toronto Harbour provides challenge to both the seasoned and most novice sailor. This year we have a new monthly initiative "Winter Training". Visit your "Current Event" Website page for full schedule. Top sailors will be sharing their "go fast" tips and secrets. The Outer Harbour Sailing Federation is holding a "Course on Understanding basic Wind Strategies for Racers" on Sunday April 11th. Finally, we will make sure all new and experienced racers are up-to-date with the new racing rules introduced in the 2008 summer Olympics games. Mooredale's racing program provides the tools and environment for a novice sailor to turn into

together a **long term boat replacement plan**. This year the focus will be on sails. No guarantee every boat will be getting a new set of sails, but we do have a budget to allow for that if that is how we end up deciding to proceed.

The plans for Fleet this year include:

- Working with the four other community club fleet leaders to share ideas, best practices, resources, and possibly joint purchases and maximize cooperation off the water while maximizing competition on the water. This is already under way and proceeding really well.
- Involving the boat captains in fleet decisions (especially our next sail purchase), documenting the privileges and duties of being a boat captain, and work together to have optimum boat quality. I will be reaching out to you by email soon, and we will have a meeting prior to the boat flipping day in early

a champion! Come challenge yourself!

2009 Honorable Achievements

Top 5 Helms Friday Night Race Series

Barrie Farrell, Tim Broughton, Bob Sieradzki, George Carter, Teresa Miolla

Top 5 Crews Friday Night Race Series

Deborah Staiman, Susan Calahan, Alan Pike, Paul Readings, Otini Kroukamp

Top 3 Helms Harbour Master Series

Tin Htoo, Almir Tavares, Robert Sieradzki

Top 3 Crews Harbour Master Series

Christine Kelly, Mary McMahon
Pam Leeuwestein

Mooredale Results in Local Regattas

Around the Island Race

2nd - Tin Htoo & Kim Rooks

Women's Regatta

2nd - Carmen Aradi & Fran Steacy
8th - Mary McMahon & Maureen McLafferty

Ontario Albacore Championship

5th - Teresa Miolla & Frederic Fellouse

North American Championship

10th - Robert Sieradzki

Westwood Open

3rd - George Carter & Alan Pike

St James Town Open

5th - Tin Htoo & Otini Kroukamp

Mooredale Sailing Club Open

2nd - Tim Broughton & Laurrie Harrison



spring.

- Improving the quality of repairs and uptime of the fleet to a maximum to avoid relying heavily on a few experienced members for repairs. The plan includes boat repair clinics and organization of the tasks.

- Organizing our spare parts, materials, and tools.

I am looking for some volunteers to help me out. See the "Task List" for more details. Feel free to contact me about any of this topic.

Fleet Captain:

Jeff Krause

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<http://mooredale.com/cm/sailingfleet>



OHCC Open

8th - Jason McVeigh
& Pamela Leeuwestein

TISC Open

1st - Barrie Farrell & Evan Farrell

Mooredale results in far-off waters

Canadian Championship

Champion Fleet

4th - Teresa Miolla & George Carter

Challenger Fleet

1st - Almir Tavares & Christine Kelly

2nd - Jason McVeigh & Pamela Leeuwestein

US National Albacore Championship

President Fleet

13th - Jason McVeigh & Pamela Leeuwestein

Challenger Fleet

1st - Almir Tavares & Christine Kelly

East Coast Albacore Championship



Racing Officer: Almir Tavares

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Members' database

You enter the database as soon as you register. To register, click on "Register" in the "Member Login" in the left menu (cf. image). **Please use your FIRSTNAME. INITIAL of your last name as your user name. ie Paul.V or Fred.F**

This database allows members to contact each other easily, without knowing their email address or their actual name!



Your point of contact: Charlotte Geagea
database@mooredale



Calendar



Your club events : lesson schedules, races, events, and work parties are kept up to date by the members of the executive committee, who also add comments and additional information for each event.

Great source of information.

Please contact me if you are interested in updating the Calendar.



Com...munity

- **Andrew Swinamer** (picture), **Glenn Specht & Matt Solo** work on the technical side of our website to get it to work more smoothly, create great tools useful for our community and increase our visibility. web@mooredale

- **Irina Grobman** is collecting and organizing on the web our massive photographic and video archives. Irina will be your point of contact to share your pictures with the rest of the membership. Irina will also be looking for photographers, video editor and cameraman volunteers for particular events. gallery@mooredale

- **Charlotte Geagea** is taking care of our member online database. Charlotte might contact you to get the database updated. This database will help us match sailing partners, collect information from members, keep track of volunteers' preferences and publish rosters and name tags. database@mooredale



Forum

Where you can easily **exchange** thoughts and ideas for the club; share your knowledge and sailing tips; ask questions; find a sailing partner; call for volunteers; and more!

So visit and use it as frequently as you wish. This forum is going to be, after our clubhouse, the **heart of our community club!** So make it beat!

Please contact me if you are interested in animating the forum



Communication Officer:
Fred Fellouse

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Webpages

They are organized into four different topics:

Start Here: Introduction of the club to new people, which should give you a good grasp of what Mooredale is all about.

Lessons: Up-to-date training program

Social: Current and past social events

Racing: Racing events, racing results, and most importantly, extensive racing resources. Visit the website often and bookmark the "**current events**" page. Wander around and learn about sailing, racing, and the club itself.

Irina Grobman is organizing our picture gallery. Let her know if you have pictures or would like to take pictures! gallery@mooredale



Web Team:

Glenn Specht, Andrew Swinamer,
Matt Solo, Dimitry Chertkov
Fred Fellouse
& many more contributors