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# Lake Ontario Catalina Association

## NEWSLETTER

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### **Hello to all LOCA members!**

Well, I didn't exactly live up to my promise of a monthly newsletter, since this is only number 3 for the season. I apologize for that, but my excuse is that I was sailing too much. For that, I hope I am forgiven. My sailing school, Swans Sailing School and Club, enjoyed my best season in the ten years since I started, so I was forced to go sailing! I hope you had a great season on the water as well.

I launched TOSCO April 23 and sailed that afternoon from Swans in Whitby to Frenchmans' Bay Marina in Pickering. From then until haulout on October 19, sailing conditions and water levels were much more favourable than in 2017. The only exception was the minor hurricane force winds on May 4 that caused about \$10,000 hull damage to my Catalina 309 (and to a lesser amount to the dock!). It was not what I would call a smashing success. The integrity and strength of the Catalina 309 limited most of the damage to gelcoat, so I was able to continue sailing for the season. TOSCO is currently in Whitby being refurbished indoors by Swans Yacht Sales, so I am already looking forward to its renewed beauty in 2019.

### **LOCA Activities**

The LOCA season got off to a fabulous start with the **Sail-In/Drive-In (SIDI)** May 26-27 at Whitby Marina. This was held in conjunction with an Open House co-hosted by Swans Yacht Sales and Whitby Marina. Flipping burgers, games for kids, tours of boats, exhibitors' showcase and extensive networking was capped off by a delicious catered buffet and music in the Avalon Lounge at the Marina.

The **Rendezvous** saw a huge turnout of members and boats to Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club on the August 17-19 weekend. One would think that a dinghy race would be a relaxed, refined event, but not when Bernie Luttmer is in charge! Water guns at the ready, chaos was guaranteed as participants paddled wildly around the course.

### **It's a Wrap**

No sooner had we hauled out our boats, when the weather turned against us. Bone-chilling winds, rain and cold weather challenged many of us to get our boats winterized and tarped. But, our hearts were warmed with our second annual **Post-Haulout Buffet Brunch** at the Hot House Restaurant on Sunday, November 4. If you have missed this event, make a note to save the date for November 3, 2019, especially if you like carved roast beef, roast ham, turkey, mussels, made-to-order omelets, lasagna, and a 20-foot table of delectable desserts.

### **Annual Meeting**

Mark your calendar for our AGM to be held at the Toronto International Boat Show on Saturday January 19. The notice with further details will be sent out soon, so plan to attend. In fact, if you want to contribute a few hours of your time and join the Executive, please let me know as soon as possible. We will have a couple of vacancies on the Board and welcome new ideas and participation. Getting involved will enhance your enjoyment of your membership in LOCA. If you have friends who own Catalina sailboats but are not yet members, invite them along. It is a great opportunity to network with the members and extend your Catalina family. Renew your membership now for 2 free tickets to the AGM and boat show.

Until then, Seasons Greetings, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



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