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Hello to all LOCA members!

It snowed on April 29!! Good Grief, Charlie Brown!! Will it never end?

As you prepare your boats for launch, don't take off your snow tires yet. The late arrival of spring-like weather has put us all weeks behind in removing tarps, applying bottom paint and charging our batteries. Several yacht clubs and marinas have had to reschedule launch days to accommodate the delays. For retired people like myself, at least I had the benefit of the occasional weekday to prep my boat. I actually launched my 309 in Whitby on April 23 and sailed it 2 hours later to Pickering with an 18 knot broad reach wind.

Safety

While yacht clubs and marinas have various policies regarding maintenance, we don't always follow the proper safety precautions. Please ensure that you have the appropriate latex gloves, safety goggles and masks when sanding, cleaning and applying bottom paint such as VC17. I saw one sailor accidentally splash acetone in his eye. Fortunately, he had a bottle of water nearby and we were able to wash his eye immediately to prevent serious injury. Also, remember that the water temperature is currently only a few degrees above freezing. Now is a good time to establish a new safety guideline for your boat—wear your PFDs at all times when on deck. Nobody falls in the water on purpose and it is virtually impossible to put on a PFD when you are trying to tread water, especially in freezing temperatures.

Sail In-Drive In May 26-27

The notice for the Sail In-Drive In is posted on the website. Your executive has been working enthusiastically to plan an event that you don't want to miss.

For those of you who have the boats in prime shape, we welcome you to sail to Whitby Marina on Saturday May 26. If you can't sail, drive there for a fun afternoon and buffet dinner with your fellow Catalina sailors.

Swans Yacht Sales, in conjunction with the Port Whitby Marina, are hosting an Open House from 12-4pm on the 26th, with exhibitors, BBQ and fun for the whole family. Their goal is to invite all Catalina owners as well as Catalina "wannabe's". So, LOCA will be participating and seeking new members as well. Come early and enjoy the fun and then stay for our LOCA Happy Hour followed by a superb buffet dinner and dancing in the Avalon Lounge in the marina. All this for just \$70 per person. **Please register now (on our website) so we can plan the number of meals with the caterer.** If you are coming early, we can use some volunteers to help with the BBQ, etc. Please contact Veronica@swansyachtsales if you are available to help.

For those of you sailing in for the weekend, dockage is free, courtesy of Port Whitby Marina. Plan for a pot-luck breakfast on Sunday morning before casting off.

We Still Need Your Help

What can you do for us?

LOCA is still a well-kept secret. We will all benefit from having more Catalina owners as members of LOCA to provide a wider network of contacts for sailing partners and camaraderie throughout Lake Ontario. Look around your club/marina or scan your club membership list and identify all the Catalina owners who are not current members of LOCA. You probably already know many of them well and thus you are probably the best advocate to introduce them to LOCA. Give them a copy of the flyer and direct them to our website. The **Sail In Drive In** event will be a perfect opportunity for them to network with Catalina owners. Debby Wilson (Membership) can use your help in welcoming these prospects into the LOCA family.

Happy Sailing,



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