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## Lake Ontario Catalina Association

### NEWSLETTER

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

First, let me say that I am honoured and pleased to have been elected Commodore of LOCA at our AGM in January. We have an enthusiastic and committed team at the helm to navigate us through an enjoyable sailing season.

#### **Annual Meeting:**

Our Annual General Meeting of members was held at the Toronto Boat Show on Saturday, January 13. We had a great turnout of about 50 people and, in addition to a renewal of acquaintances, had a fruitful discussion about the challenges and opportunities facing us in the coming years, not the least of which is the current high-water level!

Here is your new executive for 2018:

Commodore	Ron Hosking
Past Commodore	Dahliah Rahm
Vice Commodore, Events	Kathy Roe
Co-Director, Events	Jean Luttmer
Vice Commodore, Member Services	Debby Wilson
Vice Commodore, Communications	James Schofield
Treasurer	Jacques Michaud
Secretary	Peter Campbell
Director at Large	Lee Jewer
Director at Large	Wayne Parker
Ex-officio Director	Jan Ploeger, Swans Yacht Sales

Our thanks to retiring directors, Fred Rahm, Bernie Luttmer and Rene Albers for their valuable contributions. We also thank Swans for sponsoring the event, including providing the room for our meeting.

Following the formal agenda of the meeting, Jan Ploeger, the new owner of Swans Yacht Sales, provided some insight into Catalina's plans for the coming year(s) and his personal aspirations for Swans Yacht Sales in Whitby.

### **Save the Dates!**

Mark your calendars for the following 2018 LOCA organized activities:

May 26-27 Sail-In, Drive-In, to be held at Whitby Marina/Swans Yacht Sales

August 17-19 Rendezvous, currently planned for Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club

November 4 Post Haulout Brunch at The Hot House Restaurant

Watch for more details on our website and in future newsletters.

### **My Commitment**

What can I do for you?

As I indicated at the AGM, I commit to the following 3 main goals for LOCA for 2018

1. Improved communications, including up-to-date website, newsletter, social media, etc.
2. More robust activity programme throughout the year
3. Growth of membership base

### **We 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. Debby Wilson (Membership) can use your help in welcoming these prospects into the LOCA family. We will be in touch with you soon on this subject.

### **Give Us A Break!**

No sooner did I think this, when Spring Break Arrived! We can count the weeks until we unwrap our treasured boats and start scrubbing the boats in preparation for launch. "...Perchance to dream, ay, there's the [sc]rub". Who knew that Hamlet was a sailor!

Pleasant dreams,



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