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*Greetings from the Bridge – President John Gullick*

*A New Normal for All Boating in 2020*

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Let me start by saying that I hope you are all well and coping with the restrictions caused by Covid 19. Things are starting to open up in many areas and that includes boating but it is still very important to remember to maintain physical distancing for the benefit of all.

We are beginning to think about possible events and will be working closely with other clubs to explore options.

To be proactive we have developed a Covid 19 TSACBA Safety Protocol to help guide us in our event planning. A copy is included in this newsletter, we have posted it on our web site, and I have e-mailed a copy to all members. You will also note that we have posted on the web site links to various sources for information related to safe boating, especially for this season.

We currently have a total of 121 members which is down from the 142 we had this time last year. Our hope is that this is due to this year’s very unusual circumstances. If you have not yet renewed your membership please go on line, do so and spend some time perusing our site. There are lots of items there to be of interest. If there is anything that you would like us to feature please let us know.

In my September 2019 message we were looking to fill a number of Directors positions. Currently we are in reasonable shape but are still looking for members who would be interested in becoming one of our Directors. Just let me know if you have any questions and/or possible interest.

We will keep you posted on any events and are always interested in any suggestions that you would like us to consider.

Meanwhile stay safe and, as our friends at Boating Ontario say, “Social distancing is better on a boat.”

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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:



Bruce Keene, Whitby, ON  
Dwayne McCutcheon, Loretto, ON  
Robert Struthers, Toronto, ON  
Larry Bacon, Toronto, ON  
David Kilner, Trent Lakes, ON

Joe Konarowski, Newcastle, ON  
Roger Tapson, Selwyn, ON  
Peter Levie, Whitby, ON  
Marc Richards, Blackstock, ON



### 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

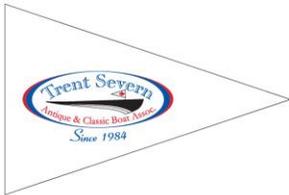
Antique & Classic Boat Hardware  
New & Used Parts for Sale We ship worldwide

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 Membership Coordinator Charlotte Hughes by phone at 905-697-8101 or by email at [member@trentsevernantiqueboats.com](mailto:member@trentsevernantiqueboats.com).



### Board of Directors 2020

John Gullick	President	705-651-2867
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Jim Watt	Director Emeritus	705-740-3913
Catherine McLeod	Newsletter Editor/ Web Administrator	613-967-5771

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!**

## ***Trent Severn Antique & Classic Boat Association 2020 Events***

Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic all events and meetings planned by the TSACBA have been cancelled until further notice. If we do plan to attend or hold an event you will be notified via our website and an email message. If in fact, we do participate in any events, the following Covid 19 Protocol for the TSACBA will apply.

### **SAFETY TIPS To Help Protect Against Covid 19 During Trent Severn Antique and Classic Boat Association (TSACBA) Events. May, 28, 2020**

During any TSACBA events that might be possible as Covid 19 restrictions ease it is most important that we recognize hazards, assess risks, and minimize risk of contact in order to help maintain the health and safety of all TSACBA members and those we are in contact with.

Controls to protect yourself and others:

- Maintain physical distancing by staying two meters away during event activities inside and outside.
- Follow restrictions like having only familial members sharing the same residence in the same boat on a run. Don't offer to take additional non familial passengers in your boat.
- Wear face masks when in proximity with others. You will probably find that most marine workers that we are in contact with will require staff to wear face masks and will ask boaters to also wear face masks.
- If going to a marine facility there will usually be hand sanitizer and sanitation wipes available for customers at the front door and limits of the number of customers who are allowed in the store at any one time will usually be posted. Sanitize hands after interactions.
- Communicate safety procedures to all those in your boat.
- Identify possible transmission points during an event and let all members know where those points are. This would include paying attention to members of the public who wander over to check out our beautiful boats.
- Wear disposable gloves when handling lines and during launch and take out.
- If you require assistance during launch and take out make sure there are only one or two people helping and that you are wearing masks and gloves.
- When finished use a sanitizer to wipe down contact surfaces including those in your car and boat. Steering wheels, shift controls, door handles and switches etc.
- TSACBA will bring a small supply of gloves, masks, hand sanitizer and wipes to each event.

Required PPE equipment: Hand sanitizer, disposable gloves, and face masks.

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

Are you self isolating; finding it hard to get out when hot weather drains you; tired of repeated sports broadcasts on the TV and news about Covid 19? Why not fire up your computer, travel to the TSACBA website <http://www.trentsevernantiqueboats.com>, click on Nautical Links, and do some exploring. There are lots of links there to keep you busy for hours. These are the topics available for you to visit: Boating Associations and Museums, Boat Builders, Boating Resources, and Boating Services.

You can also help us out by notifying Catherine McLeod to let her know if you find a "broken" link so it can be fixed.

Constantly drawing attention...as of this writing (July 2, 2020) we have had 55,852 people visit our website. We have 172 followers on our Twitter site and 974 likes on our Facebook page. If you are on Facebook be sure to visit our site and like it. Our goal is to reach more than 1,000 likes. You can help make that happen.

## *Remembering...Chemong Yacht Haven Run & Potluck August 24, 2019*

### *Tom Davis & Wally Hicks*

Now that the blistering summer sun has peaked and the water is still warm, for some, this is the ideal time for open boats. Again, this year, the TSACBA was graciously invited by members; Roberta & Terry Philpot, to their place on the western shore of Chemong Lake. Just minutes northwest of Peterborough, the lake is about 15 km. long, part of the Kawartha Lakes and the Trent-Severn Waterway.

After the usual coffee, muffins, and greeting of old friends, we had eight boats in the water and were ready to go by 10:00. On previous runs, we had ventured to Buckhorn and Pidgeon lakes and to the village of Buckhorn, but this year with an overcast sky and lake chop from a northeast wind, it was decided to stay on the lake and head for the northern tip, along the eastern shore. Those who did not bring boats, were invited to team up and go for the ride. It is always a joy and puts smiles on our faces, to see lakeside residents, on their docks and shoreline, waving to us, as we pass by.



This year, new member Ryan Mathews, who just purchased a marina on the lake, offered a 2 for 1, at his ice cream bar, if we said, “Wooden Boats”, to the clerk. Good deal ... Thanks.

During the morning run, TSACBA member Ken Lavallette, a keen sailor, took one of Terry’s sailing dinghies for a sail. It was a good wind and great idea. Not all of our crafts have motors.

After about two hours on the water, it was back to shore, where we found several more members.

No BBQ, this year, rather a true pot luck. It was great with; salads, mains, desserts, and even a big tub of pralines & cream ice cream. It was fitting that Roberta summoned us to eat with an antique bellows “fog horn.” I think not only are we keen boaters, we are also...Foodies.



After eating and a brief talk by John Gullick, our President, on the club’s future, we had free time to chat, go for another cruise on lake or meander through Terry’s eclectic museum, which changes every year. The Philpot’s residence, a former dance hall, is rather unique. It now houses a residence, a display area, a guest quarters, and a workshop. In the workshop was an antique pump organ and a Peterborough Aqua Flyer, for restoration. In the display area there was some of his 24 marine crafts, (more were outside), many motors cars, and other unique memorabilia.

As the afternoon passed, boats were gradually trailered, and people bid their adieus. Thanks to the Phillpotts and all the members for the great comradery.

For more photos visit our website photo page on this event <http://www.trentsevernantiqueboats.com/chemong19.htm>.

# ***TSACBA Board of Directors Opportunities***

## ***John Gullick***

**Trent Severn Antique and Classic Boat Association**, whose mission is to promote the preservation and use of antique and classic watercraft, has opportunities on the Board of Directors. The following positions are available:

### **Vice President – Executive Committee**

#### **Function:**

The Vice President will assist the President in the discharge of all duties, and in the absence of the President will perform such duties and exercise appropriate powers as listed in the President's job description.

#### **Duties:**

- Ensure that the duties of the office are fully reviewed with the President.
- Review the TSACBA policies and procedures thoroughly and be fully aware not only of the duties of the Vice President, but also of the duties of the other Executive members.
- Assist the President in every way possible and be fully aware of all the affairs of the TSACBA, so that, should the President be absent, be capable of assuming the responsibility of running the TSACBA. Be involved directly in the day-to-day operation of the TSACBA as delegated by the President.
- Take the chair at meetings in the absence of the President and appear on behalf of the President at functions when the President cannot be present.

### **Events Coordinator – Executive Committee**

#### **Duties:**

- Ensure that all files are received and that the duties of the office are fully reviewed.
- Review the TSACBA policies and procedures and the calendar of events from previous years.
- Responsible for organizing the TSACBA AGM, any special meetings and other annual events as may be held by the TSACBA. This can be done personally or through delegation.

### **Communications Director**

The member who is nominated for Communications Director should have access to a computer, email and Internet connection. As well, the member should understand the concept of group e-mailing.

#### **Function:**

To provide notices of approved information about the TSACBA and its activities to the General Membership and all other interested individuals.

#### **Duties:**

- Be responsible for the administration of the communications policy the TSACBA.
- Re direct any correspondence received through the web site to the appropriate Director and/or the Secretary.
- \*Note: This is a job that can be carried out completely from home.

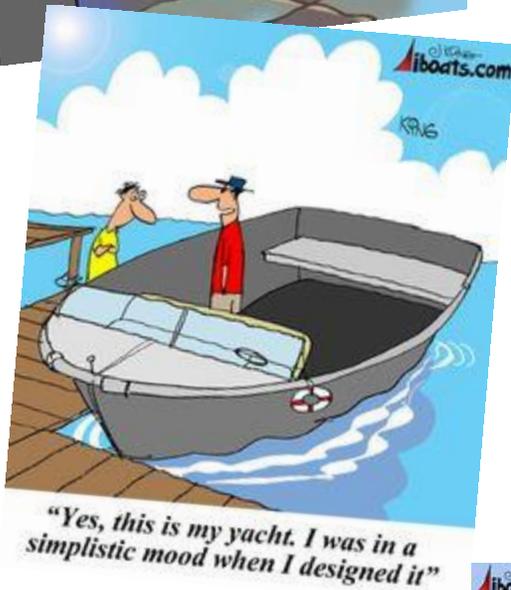
### **Directors at Large**

Perform such duties as may be delegated by the President or the Executive Committee.

### **Meeting Schedule and Location**

Meetings of the Board Executive will be held monthly (September to June), or as required. Sub committee meetings will be held as required. Meeting location is currently in Peterborough; however, the current board is now meeting remotely, so residing in Peterborough will not be necessary. If it is difficult or not realistic to be able to attend meetings in person, a telephone conferencing option is available

**Application Process:** Please apply directly to the President John Gullick at [president@trentsevernantiqueboats.com](mailto:president@trentsevernantiqueboats.com). All applicants will be contacted.



## *It “Seams” to Me* *By Dwight Boyd*

That one of the great conundrums of restoring or maintaining your antique or classic wooden boat is the problem of what to do with the deck seams when they get the pox. You know; the cracking of the caulking and varnish that starts out as a hairline crack that you can hardly see so you don't worry about it. Then each year it gets a little worse until one day you take a good look at your deck seams and they look like they have a terminal case of varicose veins. Now you panic. Water is going to get in them and freeze over the winter, expand and do further damage. It will also migrate into the planking; rot will start and in no time flat your beloved treasure will be reduced to little more than sponge toffee. Well, brothers and sisters in wooden boats, it doesn't have to be so. In the next few paragraphs we will look at some tips, hints, how tos, and answers to some common questions in dealing with deck seams.



So, what is that rock hard, cracking, chipping yellow stuff in the seams anyway? This is an area where there probably are as many recipes as there are boat builders and some of those recipes are closely guarded secrets. Generally speaking, it is nothing more exotic than window putty. Yup, that grey stuff you get in a plastic bag at the hardware store. To this they would add various ingredients to achieve the characteristics that were desired. Perhaps some whiting powder to lighten the grey then some tinting colour to make it yellow, a dollop or two of linseed oil to make it more pliable and easier to apply and some japan dryers to help it set. After many years in your boat the caulking becomes dry and brittle and due to the expansion and contraction of the wood around it, begins to crack. This cracking is most pronounced in boats that are stored in very dry conditions during the winter.

Let's deal with the small cracks first. When these little rascals show up, deal with them immediately. We really don't want water to start working its way in. Small cracks, those that are about the size of a hairline or sharp pencil line can be fixed with varnish. Clean the area and vacuum thoroughly. Mask off the seam with tape and sand gently with 220 grit paper, then using a small make-up brush or artists brush, apply a little varnish to the crack. Warming the varnish, a little will reduce the viscosity and allow it to flow in better. Keep applying varnish until the crack won't absorb any more then a final swipe along the seam with the fine brush and voila!

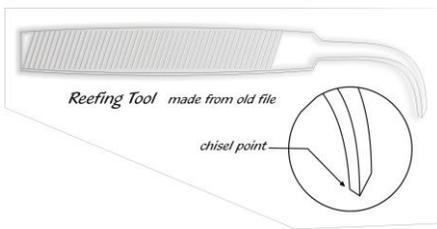
Larger cracks or if the caulking is starting to chip and bits of it are coming loose require a little more work. This is where the recipe comes in. This recipe is a closely guarded secret so I'm only going to say this once. This mixture is used in our shop for this type of repair and for re-caulking seams that have been completely stripped out. These materials are readily available from any good hardware or paint store. Dap (brand name) Window Glazing, (comes in half litre and one litre cans) a small tube of ochre (dark yellow) tinting colour and some varnish. The Dap Window Glazing is basically a white putty but has a tiny bit of elasticity to it and handles easier than putty. To about 1 cup of Dap add about ½ teaspoon of tint (you can control the colour by the amount of tint you add so start with a little bit) and about 1 tablespoon of varnish. Mix thoroughly. Put on the yellow rubber gloves and get your hands in there, it's a sticky goey mass. When properly mixed you should finish with something that has the consistency of stiff peanut butter.

For repairing larger cracks and chipped out areas mix a small amount and do your best to get a colour match. Carefully chip out and remove all loose caulking and other grunge that will come out freely, don't force it. Clean, vacuum and mask as before. Put the mixture in a plastic container and heat in the microwave for 20 to 30 seconds or until the viscosity of the mix thins a little. Now work this into the crack or seam with a small spatula made from a tongue depressor or scrap of wood and/or your fingers. When you have worked it in as much as possible clean the area with a soft rag dampened with paint thinner then finally smooth the seam with you finger dipped in thinner and let dry for a few days. Come back with that fine brush and apply two or three coats of varnish over the seam or the entire deck and you are good to go. *Continued on Page 8*

## It “Seams” to Me...continued

Damage that is any more severe than that will generally require a down to wood re-finish. The easiest way to accomplish this onerous task is to get someone else to do it, but if you are determined to have it on your own here are some steps to follow.

**Getting the old caulking out:** This is probably the most miserable and tedious part of the process. First, you will need to gather a few things; a heat gun (local hardware store about 35bucks), and a few old files. The tangs on the files are not hardened steel and can be bent into a hook quite easily. Grind or file the ends of the tangs to a chisel point not a V point, just a bit less than 1/8 ” wide and about 1/4“ high. Now file across the inside face to sharpen it like an ice skate. There you have a seam reefer. Now to the boat. With the heat gun held about 3 – 4 inches from the surface move it back and forth along a seam for about a foot or so being careful not to scorch the surrounding planks. (do this before you remove the varnish, it will help protect the wood). The heat will soften the caulking somewhat. Now, get your reefer, no-no, I mean seam reefer, and carefully start cleaning out the caulking by putting the reefer in a seam and pulling towards you. You will soon get a feel for the amount of heat to apply and how aggressively, or not, to work with the reefer. This is a time consuming and painstaking part of the process so settle in and be careful. There is a tremendous and constant risk of the



reefing tool jumping out of the seam and putting a long scratch or gouge in the adjacent plank. If the gouge is very deep and you try and sand it out you will create a hollow. If you put too many scratches in your deck it could end up looking like a road map, So **BE CAREFUL!!**



**Prepping the seams:** Now that the seams are reefed, strip the remaining varnish from the deck and do the initial sand. At this point it's time to clean up the seams. Get your hands on a piece of sheet metal about one sixteenth of an inch thick and roughly 2-3" w by 6-8" long and some 80-100 grit sandpaper. Fold the sandpaper over the metal and keeping the “metal sanding block” as vertical as possible thoroughly sand all of the seams. Are you having fun yet? Now, complete the sanding of your deck, stain and apply 3-4 coats of varnish in the usual manner and prep the surface for the next coat. We are just about at the end here gang so bear with me. Using a tongue depressor or popsicle stick cut at an angle clean the seams of any gobs of varnish that may have accumulated. Keep a rag and some paint thinners handy to clean the sticks. Now, once again with the metal thing and some sandpaper folded over it sand the seams and their inner edges. Clean and vacuum.



**Caulking the seams:** Have the pre-mixed caulking compound, 3 or 4 plastic putty knives (won't scratch the varnish but they break), a few plastic tea spoons, some soft clean rags, a couple of margarine tubs and some paint thinners on hand. Working in small batches, about a half cup at a time, in a margarine tub warm the caulking in a microwave until the viscosity thins a little. With the plastic putty knife work the caulking into the seams making sure it is all the way to the bottom so there are no air bubbles and it is smooth and level. Do one or two seams then pick up as much excess caulking as possible with the putty knife. Have a thinners dampened rag on hand and

wipe over what you have just done to clean off any remaining compound. It will leave a slight haze, that's OK. Now, put a little bit of thinner in a plastic tub and using the back of a plastic tea spoon dipped in the thinners, tool a slight concave into the seam. Pick up the “squish” with a plastic putty knife and wipe with a dampened cloth. Repeat until the job is done then pour yourself a tall one and admire your handy-work. Let this dry for about a week. When you return, wipe the deck with a clean soft rag lightly dampened with thinners to remove the haze and apply the remaining coats of varnish in the usual manner..... Cheers.

