FROM THE WARDROOM

Ah, Beginnings – Spring (here in the Northeast it has begun at least three times!), boat commissioning (re-do last year’s bottom paint?), and the Tartan 34 Classic Association. It was only three summers ago that we thought we had hit bottom. Only three member couples showed up for the 2005 AGM in the wardroom of the USS Constellation in Baltimore harbor; the Colligans, the Holts and the Harveys. Fast forward to the present: George is with us in spirit, a T34-only website is gathering way and there is a full bridge of TCA34 officers and regional coordinators moving at hull speed into the 40th anniversary of Olin Stevens design #1904. Membership has gone past 100, issue #1 of this newsletter is in your hands, and the 2007 AGM is scheduled for October 6 at the home of David Bourdon in Arnold MD – I trust there will be lots of you there for the meeting and the promised sail on the Chesapeake. It is all about fun on the water with our wonderful classic yachts and good friends. Let us know what the TCA34 can do for you.

Fair breezes on a beam reach,
John Harvey
Commodore

From the Vice

It is truly amazing how fast and how far our new TCA34 Association has come this last 12 months. We now have an Executive Board and a full complement of Region Coordinators throughout the country and Europe. As you will see, we have a new Treasurer in Chris Crighton, #180, a Web Master in John Harvey, #248, Publicity Chairman in Grace Holt and Immediate Past Commodore in Deane Holt.

We have completed work on the new By-Laws and the Duties of the Region Coordinators which we plan to approve at our first TCA34 Executive Board Meeting on October 6, 2007 and a sail on the Chesapeake. Meeting attendees will have a chance to attend the Annapolis Boat Show in Annapolis, Maryland. Heads up Region Coordinators, mark your calendars for this important date.

All Region Coordinators are invited to contact me anytime at 410-384-7753 or by E-mail at mooringsDMI@comcast.net.
David Bourdon, #416 Celebration
Hon. Rob Snoeks, Sparkman & Stevens Assn. Chair,

Represented TCA34 at the S & S AGM, 27 April 2007—

- This is his address to the meeting -

„ Mr. Patrick Matthiesen, Mr. Olin Stephens, members of the Sparkman & Stephens Association.

Today, at this Annual General Meeting, we, of the Tartan 34 Classics Association, would like to recognize Olin Stephens in this 40th anniversary year of his S&S design #1904, for giving us this beautiful and most successful one-design class, the Tartan 34 Classic.

The drawing of the Tartan 34 Classic lines and sailplan was dated June 30th 1967. The T34 C was discussed in a detailed article in “The Wave“ by George Colligan. 525 of this 34 foot centerboard sloop were manufactured between 1968 and 1978 by Douglass & McLeod Plastics Corporation – later renamed Tartan Marine – in Grand River, Ohio.

The T34C features a long fin keel with an airfoil shaped centerboard and has a draft (board down) of 8’4“ (2,50 Meters) and only 3’11“ (board up). It has a separate skeg hung rudder, a design heritage from the outstanding 38 ft. racer and cruiser DEB #1786, built in England 1964 (now called SUNSTONE and home-ported in Southhampton, England) She was the first S&S centerboarder to separate the keel from the rudder – followed 2 years later by the high regarded Deb 33 – Class (design # 1873).

Together with a deeper hull section for offshore capability and the engine located over the keel close the center of gravity (similar to the S&S 34), a remarkable sailing performance was achieved in the T34 Classic. A spacious cockpit and wide side decks offers a lot of space for effective working in the regattas as well as for cruising trips. Below deck there is a full 6’2“ headroom from the companionway to the front v-berths.

As a racer, In early 1968, immediately after leaving the factory, Tartan 34 C hull # 1 was trucked to Miami to enter and win the prestigious SORC race for her class. That was followed by victories in the Port Huron – Mackinac race, the Marblehead – Halifax race and many more. The one design class Tartan 34 C was a success story from the very beginning.
Is she a cruiser? Many ocean crossings, circumnavigations as well as club racing and family cruises have proved her reliability countless times and made this beautiful design cause a „heads up“ wherever she appears.

Today, forty years after that hull #1 was launched, we are proud to say that the majority of these boats are still sailing! Further, many of the owners have joined the Tartan 34 Classics Association which was founded as a 21st century, internet-linked community of 200 Tartan 34C sailors in five countries providing a strong network for technical support and group sailing activities. As recently as three years ago, this yacht was only found throughout the country of her origin - the USA.

Then in 2004 the first boat S/V Rubicon (hull #1) came to Europe. Today, our European fleet has 4 boats: 2 in the Netherlands, 1 in Germany and 1 in Denmark. More imports are expected in the near future as „the word“ of its qualities and values gets out. As a part of the world-wide celebrations of the „Glorious 40th anniversary the new and growing TCA34 group in the European Union is planning a first E.U. event to celebrate our yacht’s 40th year – and we would be happy if other S&S yachts shared the event – perhaps some racing? More details and invitations will follow soon.

Finally, may we now present this commemorative 40th anniversary plaque from our Tartan 34 Classics Association to the Sparkman & Stephens Association as a remembrance in gratitude for their support and as a sign of friendship between the two organizations.

Address by Rob Snoeks (Netherlands), Representing TCA 34
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My winter was a bit boring I must admit. Too busy with engine repairs, upgrades, and varnishing trim in my garage. Which means not enough skiing and having fun, I'm afraid!

I sailed Tantivy up from Los Angeles last summer and made it as far as Juneau by late July. But the weather and my Farymann turned against me all at once, and gale after gale moved through the Gulf while my valves carbonized and I was left without compression. But things seem to be on track for my summer sail. I have a month off in late May and will probably take two weeks to meander through Glacier Bay, Yakutat Bay, Prince William Sound, and on into Seward. Hopefully picking up halibut and crab along the way.

Breakup? It is different in different parts of the state, of course. Juneau, where Tantivy is lying for the winter, had record snowfall, avalanches, and a frozen harbor (and my frozen bilge hoses!). But Juneau seems to be back to it's normal frightful amounts of rain! Anchorage had a great season for snow, and April is proving to be a nice smooth and slow melt which helps keep the Jeep-swallowing puddles to a minimum. The Nenana Ice Classic, which is the pot for guessing when the Yukon will break up is still going strong, and last year was on May 2. This year, I think may be about a week earlier. Up where you were in College, near Fairbanks, is warming up fast this year. But it's always a celebration when we change from one of our two seasons. Winter or Summer. And summer is nearly here; you can smell it. A few swans are back, but we're still waiting on the rest of the geese and birds. It's a great time of year, and one of my favorites.

My time for reporting back? I fly for Cathay Pacific and keep an odd schedule. Either I have waaaaay too much time on my hands, or not nearly enough. And I'm planning to take a basing in Hong Kong in September for several years (and onto a Tartan 4400. I expect to be back here in Anchorage every month or other month.”
Glorious 40th Events!

Events celebrating the Glorious Fortieth Anniversary of the Tartan 34 Classic.

June 15-17 in St. Michaels, Maryland: The Antique and Classic Boat Society will hold their largest festival in the mid-Atlantic region at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. For the first time in their twenty-year history, the society will include a beautiful example of an early fiberglass sailboat, the Tartan 34C. Join us for a full weekend of activities celebrating classic boats and the people who love them. Contact: Deane Holt

Another Glorious 40th Event—Egg Harbor, WI, 6-7 July

July 6-7

A gathering of Tartan 34 Classic sailors from all over the Great Lakes region will take place in lovely Green Bay on Lake Michigan. Come celebrate the Tartan 34’s Glorious 40th Anniversary in one of Cruising World Magazine’s best Cruising Destinations, beautiful Door County, Wisconsin. Join the rendezvous with other Tartan 34C owners in Egg Harbor, WI. Located in Northeast Wisconsin between the waters of Green Bay and Lake Michigan. Egg Harbor provides an excellent sailing destination with accommodating dockside facilities in a well protected anchorage with a welcoming swim beach. The Village of Egg Harbor offers comfortable and affordable lodging, great places to eat, excellent coffee shops, unique stores offering home furnishings, clothing and jewelry, art galleries, antiques, great sunsets over the water, and much more.

The 40th Anniversary festivities will begin with a toast to Olin Stevens at a waterside cocktail party on the evening of Friday, July 6th at 5pm. Our highlight event will be a family race on Saturday, July 7th with the Egg Harbor Yacht Club where we will do our best to beat the socks off the rest of the fleet. We will then have an opportunity to relax with hors devours and drinks immediately following the race.

Contact Jim Rapp jimjelenko@comcast.net.

TCA34 DUES...
CUTOFF MAY
July 20-24 in Red Brook Harbor, Buzzards Bay,

Tartan Owners of North East (TONE) will hold their biennial Rendezvous with special 40th Anniversary recognition including a Saturday “Concours” of T34Cs, a dockside display of our Classics, and a table of honor for skippers and crews. After Sunday brunch, there will be a race up Buzzards Bay towards Cuttyhunk. A helicopter photographer will be aloft to take pictures of the boats as they leave the harbor. Contact John Harvey, johnharvey@msius.com or visit the Tartan Owners Site at www.tartanowners.org/tone/ for information and registration forms. Contact Peter Kreyling pkreyling@earthlink.com if you would like to join him on his cruise from the Chesapeake to this rendezvous and back again, from July 7th through August 4th.

Current information about these and other events is available on our TCA34 website at www.tca34.org, as photos and stories are posted there, you can catch up on is happening-and what happened.
Tartan 34 Classics Association

Another Glorious 40th Event—on lovely Lake Champlain!

July 14-15 Rendezvous on Lake Champlain: A regional gathering of Tartan 34 Classic sailors from these wonderful sailing waters will gather and party at Valcour Island. Our rendezvous at Valcour Island next summer. They will have a supper together Saturday night at anchor in a selected Bay, have planned activities Sunday morning, dinner (pot luck) and finish the day with a friendly race around the island. The contest will be commemorated in award of a T34C 40th Anniversary Plaque to the winning T34 C boat.

Contact Richard Lariviere, rlariviere@videotron.ca

Schooner Lois McClure in the Lake Champlain canal

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