



# Newsletter

## 2011 – Another busy ACC Season!!

With what could have been one of the busiest ACC seasons (2010 and hosting the International Contest in Midland) we thought we were going to have a relaxing season... **Boy, were we wrong!** 2011 is turning out to be crazy! Along with our

**A trailer-load of bottles to be returned! This is only a fraction of all the bottles donated to us!**



program continuing to grow and welcoming new participants as well as past ones, we have continued this year's big project of replacing the ribs in Tenacite. More on the project and what it means can be found on the next page. ACC also hosted

its first Liquor Bottle Drive fundraiser this year and WOW! Our best estimate is that we returned over 1000 liquor bottles and cans to raise about \$300. A huge thanks goes out to everyone who brought bottles in, collected them from their neighbours and found them all around Midland. The money from the bottle drive will help us continue our repair/rebuild work on Tenacite and fund other ACC endeavors.

In the middle of June, ACC hosted the 19+ camping trip, to give the board and volunteers a chance to test out the gig and refresh their own skills. 10 volunteers and friends travelled to Beausolei Island and had a chance to relax and enjoy the gig for a weekend. Have you ever wanted to organize a Gig Excursion?? If you wanted to, we will help! If you have an idea for a trip and want to help organize it, we will be more than happy to give you the information and experience you need as well

as help supervise your trip. This could be very rewarding as you would get to make some pretty important decisions such as: Where the trip would go, What to eat, How to get there??

Lastly, please review the information about some of this seasons upcoming events as there are many! Your best bet for improving your Gig crewman ship skills is to go on a trip with the Gig. You will spend more time learning about sailing, rowing and crewing as well as learn more of the tricks and tips to becoming a Coxswain. Please review the upcoming dates and remember to register for the events as soon as possible as some may fill up!

## Trent-Severn August Expedition

Don't miss out! Register for the Trent Severn Waterway Expedition now! From Saturday August 6th to Saturday August 13th, ACC will travel down the Trent-Severn Waterway with the gigs. Along the way, there will be many amazing activities and lots of time in the boats. We will camp out at the locks, swim, row and sail, cook great food and learn about the Trent-Severn and the area. Notable stops include: **Big Chute Marine Railway, Leacock House in Orillia and the Peterborough**

**Lift-Lock.** The trip costs \$350 for the week and includes all food, boat and camp supplies. A Packing list will be distributed to the participants in the weeks leading up to the trip so that everyone knows what they should and should not bring.

It is important to note that the trip is far more fun if both gigs go. This means a minimum of 20 participants have to sign up to take the 2 gigs. If less than 20 participants sign up, the trip is capped at 16 as there must be

enough room in the gig for the crew and coxswains. This excursion would give any willing crew member a good idea of weather or not they would want to join the International Crew in Ireland next year. It is your best opportunity to decide if long-term gig crewing is for you! Please feel free to talk to any staff member about the trip if you have questions or would like to know more.



The gig is rowed into the Severn lock to be lowered down to Georgian Bay water level.

Smile!  
Your on  
Camera ☺  
**Scott  
Wagg**



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**Pictures from last year's Port Severn excursion.**

**Below: A picture of Vitalite taken from Tenacite on the way into Port Severn.**

## Upcoming Events; Dates, Details & Things to Remember!

### July 1– Canada Day!

This year, ACC will take the gig in the Midland Canada Day parade and give our youth an opportunity to have some fun and show off their boat! The parade will gather at the harbour parking lot in the morning and proceed up King St. to Little Lake Park. We will then have the gig parked in the park and give the public a chance to meet us and to attract new participants. We will finish the day watching the Fireworks as a group. More info to come!

### Tag Day & Advanced Training

On Sat. July 23rd and Sun. July 24th we will have our annual Tag Day Fundraiser. Pairs of Youth will be assigned a retail location in Midland to ask for donations and hand out "Tags" with information about Atlantic Challenge on Sat. from 10-2pm. Afterwards, we will head out with the boats for some fun and sailing followed by a night of Dinner, Movies and a Sleep-over at the shop! On Sunday, after a healthy breakfast, we will head out with the boats for a day of advanced skill building and training until mid-afternoon. This will be a fun AND productive weekend! For anyone who volunteers for Tag Day, the rest of the weekend is free!

### SHOP DAYS

Shop days are key to ACC and we need your help! This is when we do maintenance, clean the shop & build and prepare new equipment.  
Next Shop Day: **To be announced**  
**\*Lunch is provided for all Shop Day Volunteers!!!!**

### Trent Severn Waterway Expedition!! (Aug 6-14)

This season, Atlantic Challenge is proud to once again operate the Trent Severn Waterway trip. The crew will navigate the waterway and pass through the various Lift Locks on the route. We will camp at Lock sites along the system and enjoy the many wonderful experiences along the way! The trip departs from Midland on August 6th and will make our way as far as possible in the first week. This much anticipated journey provides the crew with substantial time in the boats and on the water and is invaluable experience for those looking to gain Coxswain and International crew training. The trip is \$350/week and includes food and camping fees. For more information, please see AI, Scott or Erica.

### Tenacite Rib Update

As our dedicated volunteers can attest, this has been no picnic! Over the last 2 months, many of us have worked on Tenacite into the late hours of the night, removing the old ribs, steaming new ones and installing them. As of June 18th, we have removed all the old ribs and are down to the last 5 to install. From here, we will replace the floor board system and mast Steps as well as seal the various holes in the hull from the new-rib screws and paint the inside and outside. Our goal is to have the work completed by July 1st so the freshly painted gig can go in the Parade then be launched for the season! As the program has grown in numbers this spring, we need our other boat so everyone can participate!



**What better way to enjoy the Canada Day fireworks than to hang out with ACC and the gig down at Little Lake Park. We'll have prime seating right in the park for sure!**

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## Tuesday night Registration Info and reminders

We would like to thank all of you for coming out to the Tuesday Night program. We know that you will not be disappointed with your experience! Now that regular season programming is getting started, there are a few reminders for everyone.

- Please try to arrive at the dock by 6:15pm in order to help uncover the gigs and prepare for the night. Anyone who arrives in time to help uncover the gigs will not be required to help cover them. If everyone starts to arrive early enough to help– we'll find another system!
- **Close-toed shoes are required in the gigs. Also, try to bring appropriate clothing for the night, rain or shine! We only stay off the water in a Thunder storm or severe weather and will meet at the shop in this case for alternate programming.**
- If you cannot make it, please try to call or email AI or Scott ahead. We try to wait for everyone before leaving the dock and its good to know if you cannot make it. We understand if there is an emergency of course.
- Anyone may try a first night to see if they like it. Please bring your friends to try the program! After their first night, they will be encouraged to register. All participants must be registered for safety and insurance purposes.
- **This is your program! If you want to learn something, tell us; we will help you get there. Log books are available for anyone who wants to track their progress and have it signed off by a Program Director.**



**Why not take an expedition with ACC? Along with learning new skills and getting more time to experience all aspects of sailing the gigs, you will get a chance to kick back and chill out on Georgian Bay!**