



## Grandson Graham

Baby Graham arrived on time in June, bringing us lots of joy and laughter - he's already six months old and as cute as can be. No longer satisfied with just rolling over, he's now learning the crawl! Andrew and Brita are loving, confident and well-organized parents, their little household runs like clockwork and Graham's enjoyed the security of a good schedule right from the start. There's lots of baby savvy in Brita's family so she gets plenty of good advice and great hand-me-downs (and yes, those eyes *are* blue).

## Score: Janet 40, George 40

Janet and George celebrated their 40th anniversary with a garden party that was much the same as the one ten years ago but a hell of a lot colder!! Drinks and supper in the garden and then we scooted indoors for serious desserts and more booze. So many good friends were there and the evening's highlight was Alex Czarnecki

handing out crisp new \$40 bills to everyone! Of course he and Dave Miller gave us a loooong speech on how they got the OK from the Queen, from the Royal Mint and... and on... and on... genius gladly tolerated.



*As the days grow longer  
Dex thinks about  
the joys of the summer hunt.*

## Writs de Passage

Diveky Times is late as usual.

One thing about being so slow is that you get to read everyone else's news first. Great doings, sad news, odd things happening to our bodies as they get older ..... and all the joyful news as well. Thank you for your letters and cards and inspiring us to get off our guavas and write something too!!

As we look forward to the new year we think with affection of family and friends whom we have lost this year - especially Andrew, Magdi, John - and are grateful for the good times we had together.

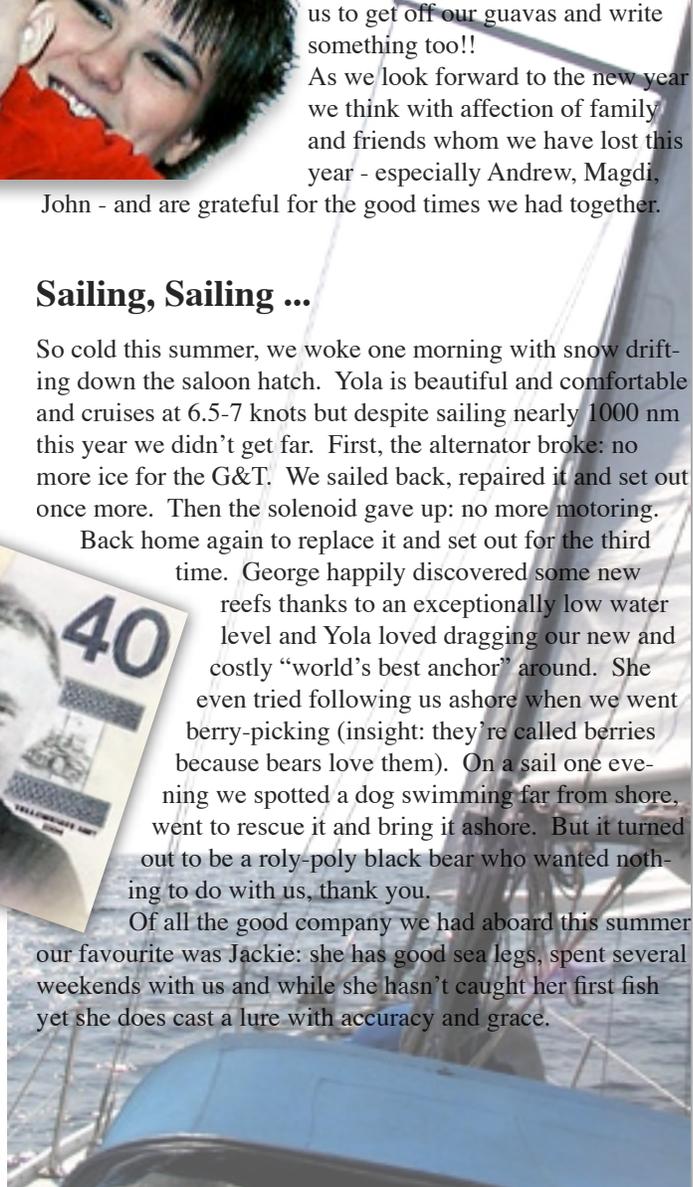


## Sailing, Sailing ...

So cold this summer, we woke one morning with snow drifting down the saloon hatch. Yola is beautiful and comfortable and cruises at 6.5-7 knots but despite sailing nearly 1000 nm this year we didn't get far. First, the alternator broke: no more ice for the G&T. We sailed back, repaired it and set out once more. Then the solenoid gave up: no more motoring.

Back home again to replace it and set out for the third time. George happily discovered some new reefs thanks to an exceptionally low water level and Yola loved dragging our new and costly "world's best anchor" around. She even tried following us ashore when we went berry-picking (insight: they're called berries because bears love them). On a sail one evening we spotted a dog swimming far from shore, went to rescue it and bring it ashore. But it turned out to be a roly-poly black bear who wanted nothing to do with us, thank you.

Of all the good company we had aboard this summer our favourite was Jackie: she has good sea legs, spent several weekends with us and while she hasn't caught her first fish yet she does cast a lure with accuracy and grace.





**Corey** keeps working on projects around his house, the latest being an expansion of Jackie's bedroom so she now has tons of space. The end of his 4-year apprenticeship is well within sight and he's very busy, lots more responsibility, lots more work.



*Our neighbourhood fox*

## The Force Is With Us

Jackie loves Grade 2 and has become an amazing reader, progressing from reading everything (she's an expert on Yellowknife graffiti) to being quite choosy, scanning to decide what she wants to read. But she still likes to cuddle up and be read to, so that keeps the grandparents happy. She thinks Graham is the cat's whiskers and is working at her babysitting skills. And what a busy seven-year-old: in the choir, in Brownies and after-school things like swimming and ballet lessons and she's writing a book. Keeps her off the streets. She's at her grandparents' house every day after school but they've become too boring lately so she often brings friends home with her. It's a good thing we have sturdy egos.



## At Long Last! An Empty Nest!!

**Eva** bought a house!!! A bedroom for her and Pat, another for Jackie, large comfortable rooms and a deep basement to stuff things in. We are so happy they decided to stay downtown rather than settle in the suburbs



like most other homebuyers do. Pat is re-visiting the previous owners' DIY projects and shows promise of adding renovation to his many talents.



**Andrew, Brita and Graham** moved to a large two-bedroom crib nearby, 'round the corner from a convenience store and up from the pool.



They enjoy more storage space than you'd think possible in an apartment. Graham rules the place quite happily, a benign despot.

## Janet Fails Retirement ... Again!

Janet is secretary for three boards and is on four committees - time to drop something? But they're all so interesting: the Association for Community Living's respite program still needs work; the Guild of Crafts needs a new home and that's important so she can keep potting; and the Yellowknife Community Wellness Coalition is working on a new Community Patrol program. It's hard to think of dropping any of these. Mondays and Fridays it's sub teaching while the other three weekdays she's in her engineering and architecture library. And potting! Nine evenings a week and two more on the weekend. George is still trying to get her to retire from retirement.

