



NEW HORIZONS

THE ROYAL HAMILTON YACHT CLUB (ESTABLISHED 1888) INC.



August/September 2011

Commodore's Report

The RHYC continues to take on a new air.

I am so pleased to welcome Lara Alves as our new VC Social. Lara has a great deal of experience both on previous social committees and marketing committees. She has already been very involved in some of our social planning for the balance of the year. Welcome Lara. I must also pass along my sincere thanks and appreciation to Shelly Bengert for all she done and contributed to our club this year.

The new "Mobility Cup" docks are finished, and have been fully funded by an Ontario Government Grant. They really look great, and will be a part of the legacy left by the Rotary Mobility Cup. Further changes to the "junior sail" building are being discussed.

At our Mayor's Challenge, Mayor Bob of Hamilton beat Mayor Rick of Burlington 3-0. It was great fun, and this allows Mayor Bob to be the first Mayor to speak at the Mobility Cup. Thanks to Bonnie McAuley for organizing this and all the other fun events that day.

Rock the Hammer was an outstanding event. The organization, racing and after race party were first class. Thank you very much for your outstanding work on this again Cindy Brown and committee. I must be frank here when I say that I was rather disappointed that many of our own club racers did not attend. You really did miss a first class event. Remember this is our club's open regatta, and a great way to race against other boats from other clubs. We may, perhaps, want to consider making this part of our summer series next year that cannot be dropped, or just a single day regatta next year. Please pass along your thoughts to Cindy or VC George Tinsley.

The pool is open. Many thanks to all that have helped. The pool committee under VP Christine Green have done a great job in raising the funds to improve the pool area and washrooms. Also special thanks to Brenda Draper for all her hard work in repainting the change rooms, and to Marv Downs who re-did the Yacht Club Wheel mural on the pool building. The pool itself needed a lot of work to get it open this year, serious thought will be needed for next year on the best ways to keep it going without putting in loads of cash.

With the removal of the hedge and further work to our front docks and Cayuga docks, the grounds look great. Our sailing school has been running for a month and thanks to its new organization and dedication, it has had very good growth this year. We look forward to great year in our sail training.

Also please get involved in our Annual Easter Seals regatta. This will be held on August 13th, and as usual needs your support.

The Mobility Cup continues to grow in momentum and has allowed us a great legacy for our club in docks, ramps, doors and safety boats. *(continued on page 2)*



L-R Mayor Bob Bratina, Mayor Rick Goldring
Photo: Chuck Sweet

The Mayor's Challenge

On Saturday afternoon July 9, 2011 Mayor Bob Bratina successfully defeated Burlington Mayor Rick Goldring in a three race sailing regatta on the harbour. In doing so, Mayor Bratina won the right to be the first mayor to speak at the Opening Ceremonies of the Rotary Mobility Cup, August 29.

In windy conditions and a slight chop, sailing in Martin 16 keelboats, Mayor Bratina with his companion sailor, Helen Dam, showed their stern to the team of Mayor Rick Goldring and Bob Wercholz. The Burlington team had, according to a confidential source, spent hours practicing in an undisclosed location (LaSalle Park Marina). *(continued on page 2)*

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L-R, Bob Wercholz, Don Green, Mayor Rick Goldring, Mayor Bob Bratina, Helen Dam

The Mayor's Challenge *(continued from page 1)*

However, Mayor Bob reached back to an earlier time when he sailed on the harbour and demonstrated that skills learned 30 years ago were still fresh and his sailing ability undiminished by age or time. Helen Dam congratulated Mayor Rick and said that the competition was tougher than expected and that she looked forward to a rematch in 2012.

The organizing committee for the Rotary Mobility Cup realized early on that with the event co-sponsored by both cities that a procedural wrangle could develop over which mayor would be the first to speak at the Opening Ceremonies. It could have been decided by a simple coin toss but considering the type of event – a sailing regatta – what better way to decide the first speaker than a contest on the water. All proceeds from the day go to support Able Sail programs at RHYC & BS&BC.

Thanks to Bonnie McAuley and Jim Casey from BS&BC for organizing a great day at the Club.

Commodore's Report *(continued from page 1)*

This will be an outstanding world class event to be held August 29th to September 3rd. Please see Laurel, Colin or myself, or even better sign up on the webpage www.mobilitycup2011.ca if you can help out.

Our nominations committee for next year's board and bridge will be starting its meetings soon. Please talk to me or Len Verhey if you would like to be considered for office in our club for next year.

I look forward to seeing you all around the RHYC.

Russ Perry
Commodore

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**Mobility Cup
Aug. 29 - Sept. 2, 2011**

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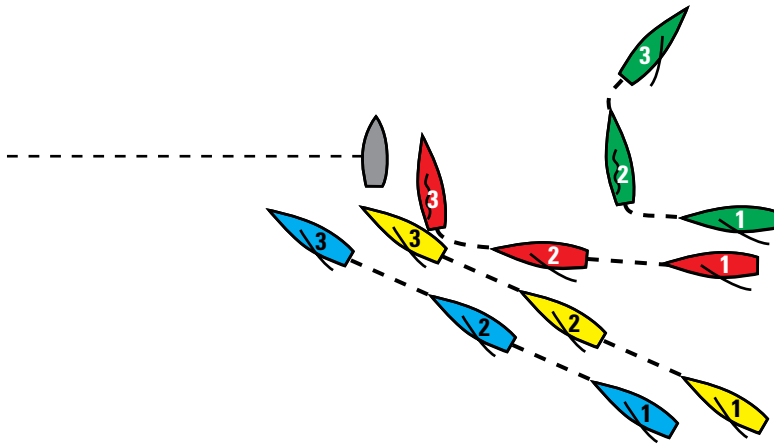
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Dispatches from the Jury Boat

By Kathy and Leo

Four boats were approaching the starting line to start. Blue had sailed a little wide of the signal boat and Yellow had just enough room to pass between them. Red was hailing Yellow for room, to which Yellow replied "no room, go up!" Green seeing Red's plight, decided to bail and tacked away. When Red realized that Yellow was not going to give room she luffed in an attempt to avoid Yellow and the signal boat, but a collision occurred. There was damage to both Red and Yellow. Both Red and Yellow protested.



As these boats were approaching a starting mark surrounded by navigable water to start, the mark-room and obstruction rules do not apply according to the preamble to the rules of Section C, Part 2. Green, Red and Yellow were not entitled to room to pass between Blue and the signal boat.

However, Blue had left enough room for Yellow to go between her and the signal boat and provided Blue did not change course in such a way to deny Yellow room, once she could not change course without touching either Blue or the signal boat, neither Blue nor Yellow broke any rule. Even in position 2, Blue would risk breaking rule 16 (changing course) had she luffed because Yellow would not have had room to keep clear because of the presence of Red.

Rule 11 (on the same tack, overlapped) applied to each of Green, Red and Blue. Green kept clear of Red, and so did not break rule 11. Red, on the other hand, kept trying to force Yellow to let her in until it was too late to avoid her. Red broke rule 11. She also broke rule 14 (avoiding contact) because it was reasonably possible to avoid the contact had she acted sooner.

Because Yellow could not bear away to avoid contact with Red without risking a collision with Blue or breaking rule 11, it was not reasonably possible for Yellow to have avoided contact, therefore she did not break rule 14.

Red is disqualified for breaking rules 11 and 14.

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The cruise to the Oakville Yacht Squadron was fun for the dozen RHYC boats that went, even though the wind was on the nose both ways. The Mediterranean moor bow-on was challenging, as was the climb up the stairs. The OYS members were very friendly and welcoming. The boats that arrived Friday had the added adventure of the “Midnight Madness” festival downtown, with a good mix of bands. RHYC’s potluck on the patio of the OYS was excellent in cuisine and camaraderie. The OYS members were very friendly and welcoming. This was a good venue, and I am sure everyone looks forward to next time.

Richard Herrington

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- 5) Wednesdays, or
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7. Adult Keel 9-5pm (WOMEN ONLY) Adult Dinghy 10am-1pm	8. Adult Dinghy 6-9pm Adult Basic Keel 6-9:30pm	9. RACE NIGHT Adult Basic Keel 6-9:30pm	10. Adult Dinghy 6-9pm Adult Basic Keel 6-9:30pm	11. RACE NIGHT	12.	13. Adult Keel 9-5pm (WOMEN ONLY) Adult Dinghy 10-1pm
14. Adult Keel 9-5pm (WOMEN ONLY) Adult Dinghy 10am-1pm	15. Adult Dinghy 6-9pm Adult Basic Keel 6-9:30pm	16. RACE NIGHT Adult Basic Keel 6-9:30pm	17. Adult Dinghy 6-9pm Adult Basic Keel 6-9:30pm	18. RACE NIGHT	19.	20.
21.	22. Adult Basic Keel 9am-4pm	23. RACE NIGHT Adult Basic Keel 9am-4pm	24. Adult Keel 9am-4pm	25. RACE NIGHT Adult Keel 9am-4pm	26. JR. SAIL SCH. Ends Adult Keel 9am-4pm	27.
28.	29. Mobility Cup	30. RACE NIGHT Mobility Cup	31. Mobility Cup			



Volunteers required for a variety of jobs from Official Greeters to site maintenance to Club Ambassadors to Media & Press contact to more to be determined. One hour or one day or more – whatever time you can spare for this wonderful event.

Register on line at www.mobilitycup2011.ca or get a form from the club office.



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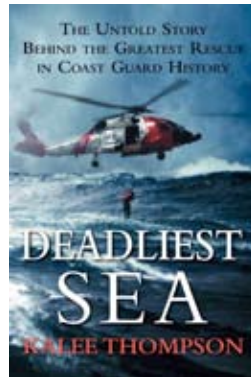
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Deadliest Sea

by Kalee Thompson, William Morrow,
New York, 2010

Kalee Thompson starts with the 2008 mayday call from the Alaska Ranger, a fishing factory ship. The rudder post fell out and seawater pours in through the post hole. A nighttime Search and Rescue for the 47 crew from the sinking ship that is in rough, icy waters 800 miles offshore in the Bering Sea, is a daunting task, even with the seemingly unlimited resources of the U.S. Coast Guard. Kalee explains the training, education and professionalism of each of the many U.S. Coast Guard personnel involved. Kalee describes the shore command, the 378 foot Coast Guard Cutter, the Hercules C-130, the Jayhawk helicopter, the Dolphin deck deployable helicopter, and other equipment, right down to the rescue swimmer's survival suit. Kalee explains the challenges faced by the "Coasties" and how their training and teamwork constantly focus on the objective, modifying their strategy to accommodate changing conditions and new information. Her style is very personal giving us background of each character as introduced including direct quotes from communication logs. While this is a story of SAR, it is also the story of Ranger's crew: their backgrounds, families and ambitions. We experience their sheer terror and fatalism as the Ranger sinks lower into the waves. We are frustrated as their safety equipment fails and their safety training falls short. Throughout, the reader cannot help but wonder if the crew could have better managed emergency repairs to the leak. We hurt for the five casualties and rejoice for the 42 survivors. And, we admire the Coasties' personal commitment and bravery.

Richard Herrington
RHYC Book Reviewer




Since last September, the Pool Renovation Committee has worked hard at raising awareness and funds for pool and pool-side updates. The dedicated volunteers and their families, (the list is long, and is posted in each of the pool washrooms) hosted three fun events that overall raised enough funds to replace the showers, sinks and floors in each of the pool change-rooms, as well as install dual flush toilets - something we, as stewards of the water, should feel good about. The poolside addition include privacy screens, new loungers, and new Muskoka chairs made in Canada out of recycled material. The new seating was sponsored by generous Club members. More great changes will continue to be made around the pool and to the pool itself which is beginning to show it's age, but is still a much loved part of the RHYC.

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4. Ashbridge's Bay Cruise	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10. Cornish Hen Regatta
11. Cornish Hen Regatta	12.	13.	14.	15.	16. Club Closed @ 4pm	17. Adult Keel 9-5pm
18. Adult Keel 9-5pm	19.	20.	21.	22.	23.	24. Adult Keel 9-5pm
25. Adult Keel 9-5pm	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.	



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Regatta Results

Shark Golden Horseshoe Regatta July 16/17 @ RHYC.

1. Duck Soup John Daikin Mimico CC
2. Eager for More Greg Cockburn RCYC
3. Freak on a Leash Jeremy Crowder RHYC
4. Shoestring Gord Nikaido TS&CC
5. Frankly Scarlett Jeff Mitchell BHYC
6. Ezee Cam Watt
7. Toreador Andrew Morgan
8. Trogon Ron Prokop
9. Chaos James Roper
10. Scotch Mist Gerry Kelly
11. Fiction Dave Blanford RHYC
12. Afternoon Delight Rob Vanderperk
13. Invicta Toby Barwick
14. No Hurry Ed Will
15. Mad Firefly Donna Bjurlin
16. Total Chaos Ryan Jones
17. Trivial Pursuit Erik Beese RHYC

Congratulations to Regatta Organizer, Jeremy Crowder, for placing third, and congratulations to all the other competitors from far and near.

Stars shine at Seneca YC in New York State Championship!

- 2nd Brian Cramer Matt Johnston
- 4th Hans Fogh Roger Cheer
- 5th Doug Folsetter Ryan Smith
- 7th Mark Passmore Brad Anderson
- 16th Terry Line Larry Scott



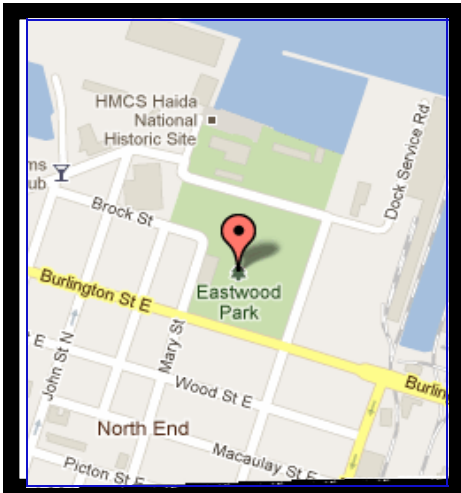
The new furniture has finally arrived for the dining room, and were they ever worth the wait. The dining room has been transformed. Steve (top photo) is testing out his assembly work and the comfort level of the chairs, while Peggy (bottom photo) demonstrates the practical simplicity of the new tables. Don't delay! Come enjoy a meal at the Club today! Remember breakfasts are available on weekends as well. *Photo: Colin Jacob*

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INTER-BOAT CLUB MIXED ADULT 3- PITCH SOFTBALL CHALLENGE



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A minimum of four teams (minimum of eight players with at least two women) is required to run the challenge. The register fee is \$120/team. An awards ceremony will follow the challenge at the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club. The bases and baseballs will be provided. However, each team is responsible for bringing their own bats and gloves.

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INTER-BOAT CLUB MIXED ADULT 3-PITCH SOFTBALL CHALLENGE SIGN-UP



Members, we are putting together a team to represent our club at the inter-boat club mixed adult 3-pitch softball challenge taking place on Saturday October 1, 2011 starting at 9:00 to 18:00 at Eastwood Park, Hamilton, Ontario. An awards ceremony (optional) is taking place at RHYC after the challenge. If you are interested in joining our club team please place your name and telephone number on the sheet below.

Name and telephone number

Contact person:

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