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THE ROYAL HAMILTON YACHT CLUB (ESTABLISHED 1888) INC.



December 2011/ January 2012

Commodore's Report

Wow!!! Where did this year go? I think everyone will remember 2011 as one of our best. Our club looked the best it has in years, our docks got a great facelift, and our regattas and social events, as usual, were first class.

Special mention has to go to all those who helped on the Mobility Cup. This event helped us purchase new docks and accessible doors to help promote our Able Sail program. As usual it is all our fabulous volunteers that make the RHYC the best on the lake! If you volunteered for a committee, helped on a work party, volunteered on a race committee, or put your time in to improve our wonderful club, thank you all so very much.

As mentioned last month, the Bridge will have many new faces for 2012. I am very excited to be working with a great Bridge for 2012. They are Tom Dunmore VC Docks and Boats, Dave Harrington VC Yachting, Lara Alves VC Social, Bonnie McAuley VC Sail Training, and Brenda Draper VC Pool and Gardens. Please congratulate these folks when you next see them, and PLEASE offer to be part of the many committees we need to run our club.

We are looking at many new ideas and exciting things for 2012 as far as our pool, docks and moorings, sailing school, yachting and social events are concerned. Please get involved.

I look forward to seeing you all around the Club. Don't forget our wonderful two-can-dine evenings, wonderful social events and great atmosphere. Just to come down and enjoy. Also mark you calendar for our wonderful New Year's Eve dinner and dance and our New Year's Levee. Come out and enjoy your club!

In closing, Jane and I want to wish you and yours all the very best for the Holiday Season, and I look forward to another great year at the RHYC.

Russ Perry
Commodore



FROM THE MANAGER AND
STAFF OF RHYC. THANK YOU FOR
YOUR PATRONAGE AND SUPPORT.
WE WISH YOU AND YOURS A SAFE
AND JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON
AND BEST TIDINGS FOR
A WONDERFUL 2012!



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Pools and Grounds

I'm Brenda Draper your new Vice Commodore of Pools and Grounds. Although my husband Paul and I have been debenture holders and members of the RHYC on and off for the last 30 years we have been back as sailing members for the last 4 years. You may have met or seen me on our boat Outsider II, docked on Admirals Row. You may have also seen me around the pool: painting, cleaning, teaching Aqua Fit or simply enjoying it. Or you could have seen the bottom half of me poking up in the gardens or yard. Along with those passions, I also love to help out at varying regattas, fundraisers and parties when I can. If it's a social event involving music then you will definitely see me on the dance floor.

As for the pool, we have a couple major issues which we hope to address this year, particularly a new liner and/or a new heater. These items rely heavily on our budget and impact what we can do. We are hoping to extend our pool hours into the evening, perhaps with adult-only times when swimming would be at your own risk. It has been mentioned that some members are interested in playing water polo, please let us know.

I would also like to replace and increase the number of garbage cans and recycle bins in our outside areas so that we can keep our yards free from clutter and do our part for the environment. In the last couple of years we have had the advantage of having Kathy Hagan working non-stop, rain or shine, on our gardens. Overseeing everything needed to bringing our gardens into the beautiful condition they are in today: Way to go Kathy! Thanks also go out to all the other helpers that have put in such an effort last summer.

If you can give us a hand this coming year we can always use it. Even if you can't commit yourself for the whole summer, then every-second week or even a week-end to help prep the pool or water one or more gardens would be most appreciated. Do it with a friend and it can be an enjoyable hour or so.

Brenda Draper
VC Pool and Grounds

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Part of the RHYC Pub Night Theme Series



**Come on Down for a Night of
Karoke & Rock Band
Friday December 9, 2011
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM**



New Horizons

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The Royal Hamilton
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Editor: Sonya de Laat



September: FAMILY CRUISING ON LAKE ERIE: IT'S ALL ABOUT CHILD'S PLAY

Sonya de Laat is a RHYC member and enjoys sailing. She is the editor of the RHYC Horizons magazine, has a photography studio, and is research coordinator at McMaster University. Obviously a talented and busy person.

Sonya wasn't kidding when she chose that title for her Shellbacks talk on October 6th. Sonya and her husband Keven cruising with three young children (one aged 4, twins aged 7) in a small sailboat doesn't sound like child's play to many people. This is not their first family cruise. They have developed a well planned approach making use of games, books, toys, play activities and the warm shallow water and sandy beaches of Lake Erie to keep the children busy and happy, so child's play was the key to an enjoyable trip for everyone. A photographic slide show accompanied her talk.

Their sailboat, a Redwing 30 built in 1968, is big enough for their needs, yet everything is within arm's reach. Sonya described some of their favorite spots on Lake Erie: Ryerson Island's sand bar is great for kids pirate-treasure searches. Erie, Pennsylvania is an old steel town similar to Hamilton and is undergoing revitalization. Erie's Bay Harbour Marina with free showers and washrooms was their home away home. A shuttle bus takes you from the Marina to Erie's downtown area museums, theatres and restaurants. Further west is Ashtabula, an old and more depressed industrial town. The Ashtabula Yacht Club however has lots of grassy park areas - perfect for the kids, and has open air kitchens with all necessary equipment.

Sonya and Keven are providing wonderful experiences that their children will remember all their lives. We are quite sure the kids did not miss television at all. We all enjoyed Sonya's obvious delight in sharing this family sailing experience.

October: PAT WRIGHT: ISSUES OF INCLUSION IN HAMILTON

Pat Wright was born in Kingston, Jamaica, has a degree in biochemistry, and did post graduate work in Denmark. After living in the Turks and Caicos Islands for a number of years she came to Canada. She taught Chemistry in Sarnia and eventually taught in Hamilton. She is a grandmother, is now retired and works with voluntary organizations, such as Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion. Pat is also an exceptional speaker and presented a lecture with slides that was very thought-provoking.

Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion's mission is to foster welcoming and inclusive attitudes for our City, major institutions, businesses, service providers, and others. Pat described the demographics.

Twenty-four percent of Hamilton residents are foreign born. Hamilton is a desirable destination for immigrants due to the lower cost of housing and rent. A higher percentage of recent immigrants have Bachelor degrees than Canadians. Hamilton's overall poverty rate is 18%. The City's poverty rate for recent immigrants is 51%. A lot more statistics (all from Canadian government sources) were shown, all pointing to similar problems of poverty, especially among recent immigrants. Employers are reluctant to hire anyone without Canadian experience even though they may have similar qualifications. In these poor economic times the problem is more acute. Pat made an eloquent plea for inclusive and equitable treatment. The way we think governs how we behave. Inclusiveness is an approach that appreciates the dimensions of diversity. Awareness can influence behavior.

Pat showed a detailed knowledge of her subject and great stamina in her hour-and-a-half presentation that was dense with statistics. She is a charming speaker and certainly raised our awareness of Hamilton's diversity. Seemingly how we see, is what we see.

Dec. 1 – Colin Jacobs and Laurel Thompson “The Mobility Cup: We laughed, cried and were amazed.”

Dec. 15 – Christmas Luncheon with music by Jack Packer and Ryan Scott

** January – No meetings as Club is closed

Feb. 2 – Bob Williamson “Adelaid Slept Here”

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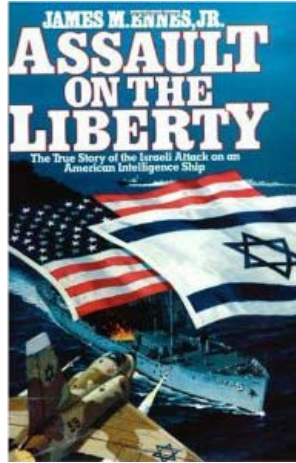
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“Assault on the Liberty”

by Ennes, Lieutenant James M., Jr., Random House, New York, 1979

This is the true story of the unprovoked 1967 attack on the U.S. Navy's intelligence ship, Liberty, in the eastern Mediterranean. The author was an officer on Liberty's bridge at the time the ship was rocketed, strafed, torpedoed and left to sink with a 40ft-by-40ft hole at the waterline. Casualties were 34 dead and 171 wounded. Ennes describes the attack in slow motion, compartment by compartment: destruction, confusion, fire, noise, fear, dismemberment, death and heroism. However for Ennes it



is not the events of that day that are significant; rather, the frustration of the subsequent cover up. He describes the roles of President Johnson, Secretary of Defense McNamara, Secretary of State Rusk, admirals and vice admirals. History has recorded this event as a regrettable mistake with many unanswered questions. The press found it impossible to get information. The officers and men of the Liberty were told what they could say to the press with a senior flag officer always present. A few documents have been de-classified, but the 'who' and 'why' are still a mystery. Was it the failure of the US Navy's communication system? Was it part of the Six Day War? More chilling is the unanswered question: Why did the carriers USS America and USS Saratoga, which were within striking range, not send their F-4 Phantom jets to the rescue? Ennes postulates a plausible theory supported by years of

research. For the victims and their families this is scant closure.

NB: Today there exists a web site dedicated to revealing the truth. That website includes a well researched article done by John Crewdson of the Chicago Tribune (October 2, 2007). Many servicemen involved at the time no longer care about consequences so are now speaking from the heart. The statements included on the website support Ennes original hypothesis.

Richard Herrington
RHYC Book Reviewer

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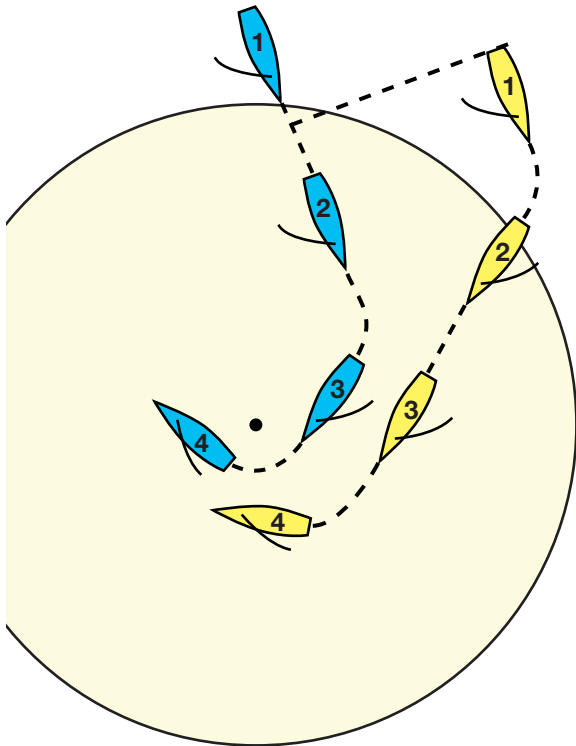
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Dispatches from the Jury Boat

By Kathy and Leo

Blue and Yellow were approaching the starboard gate mark to be left to starboard. When Blue reached the zone, Yellow was clear ahead but outside the zone. Yellow then gybed and became overlapped outside Blue. Yellow immediately began hollering “starboard, no room Blue” and then Blue gybed and rounded the mark. Yellow protested.



This situation occurs quite frequently at the starboard gate mark. When approaching the mark, boats must be aware of their position relative to the zone and of course, whether or not an overlap exists.

In position 1, Blue enters the zone and the mark-room rule (rule 18) begins to apply. You might think that Blue is not entitled to mark-room because she is clear astern of Yellow. But that is not the case because rule 18.2(b) says in part: if a boat is clear ahead when she reaches the zone, the boat clear astern at that moment shall thereafter give her mark-room. Blue was not clear ahead of Yellow when she reached the zone.

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Children's Christmas Party

**Saturday
December 10, 2011**

**At 12:00 PM,
RHYC Dining Room**



Children enjoy a free spaghetti and meatball lunch.

After lunch join us for Christmas themed games and crafts, decorating and eating gingerbread cookies, and a visit by Santa.

Make sure to have your Christmas wish list ready for Santa.

RHYC's Afternoon of Curling



**Sunday January 29, 2012
2:30 PM**

The Dundas Granite Curling Club
24 Head St., Dundas, ON

The cost is \$15 per person and includes munchies after the game. No curling experience is required. Just bring a pair of clean running shoes and we will show you the rest.

If interested in curling please e-mail your intentions by January 9, 2012 to: vcsocial@rhycc.ca


An optional lunch buffet for \$15++ will be provided at RHYC prior to Curling.



**Join us for the New
Year's Day Levee**

12:00 PM

Bring a Dish to Share

December 2011						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1. Shellbacks Pilates 6:30pm NO PUB NIGHT Ashrae Murder Mystery 6-10pm	2. 2 for 1 Fine Dining \$ 29.95++	3.
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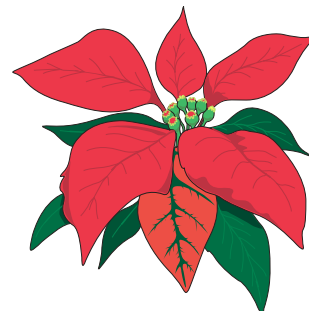


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From VC Yachting

This being my first submission to New Horizons, I guess an introduction is appropriate. I have been sailing and dropping in at the RHYC, off and on since the mid-sixties. At that time, a high school chum of mine had access to his family sailboat, a Paceship 19. We even took part in a few of the Club races with it.

As my job moved me around the province, over the years I have been a member of BSBC, the Bayfield Yacht Club and the Port Stanley Sailing Squadron. I say this sincerely, that I am very happy to finally be a RHYC member (I hope) in good standing.

I am also pleased and excited to be the VC of Yachting for what, from here, looks like a fabulous year for the Club. There's not a lot of detail available at this early stage, but the Open Regatta will have a new format next year. Also, hopefully, most of you have at least heard of the revitalized GHYRA series, which includes a new event for our club: The Hamilton Philharmonic Cup. This event has the very enthusiastic support of the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra, Tourism Hamilton as well as Hamilton Magazine. It's already been very rewarding to experience the overwhelming interest these groups have in this event and the RHYC.

Adding these events to the variety of youth regattas we run every year, results in a pretty full schedule. As it states on the Tee-shirts: Regattas are what we do.

So if we haven't met, introduce yourself, say, "Hi," or "Welcome to the club," or buy me a drink sometime.

I hope that you are looking forward to 2012 as much as I am. I wish all of you and your families, the very best for the holiday season.

David Harrington
VC Yachting



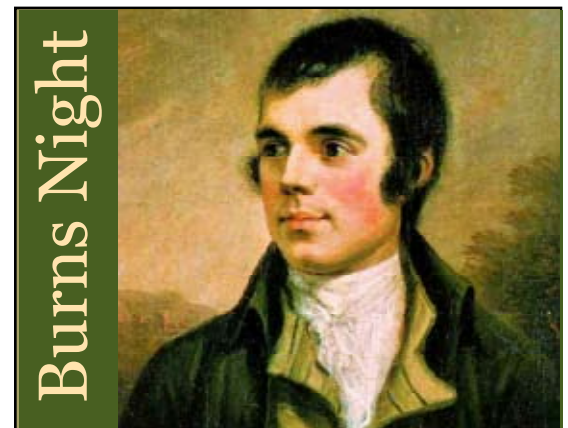
Ned Colquhoun's family lead a toast in celebration of the christening of the new coach boat named in honour of our dearly departed member. The dedication was held at this year's Awards Night banquet in November.



In Memory of Pte. Jason Rees

With great sadness we announce the sudden passing of Jason on Friday Nov. 4, at his home in Hamilton. Loving son of Diana & Jack Rousseau.

Our prayers and thoughts are with the family in this time of loss.



Come Celebrate the Re-opening of the Club and the Birthday of Scotland's Favourite Son, Robbie Burns!


Wednesday January 25, 2012

Come Celebrate the Re-opening of the Club and the Birthday of Scotland's Favourite Son, Robbie Burns!

Please join us at 7 PM for a piper, the address and toast to the haggis from a special guest and 2 for 1 dinner including a haggis option.

\$5 Cover

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Call 905.528.8464 x224 or
email: dining@rhyc.ca

January 2012						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1. New Years Eve	2. CLOSED	3. CLOSED	4. CLOSED	5. CLOSED	6. CLOSED	7. CLOSED
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29. Buffet/ Brunch Curling at Dundas Granite Curling Club	30. CLOSED	31. CLOSED				



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**TUESDAY DECEMBER 27, 2 PM - 4PM
 COME DOWN TO THE CLUB AND CELEBRATE LAUREL'S BIRTHDAY ALONG WITH HER AND HER FAMILY**



Commodore Russ Perry (left) was recognized for his long-standing service to the RHYC, receiving the Dedication Wheel at the 2011 Awards Night ceremony held in November.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Please join us for an evening of dinner and dancing as we ring in the New Year with Tone Deaf, "a Drinking Band with an Rock 'n Roll Problem"

Saturday December 31, 2011

Dinner at 7:00 PM

Dancing at 8:30 PM

Menu

Soup and Salad,

Your Choice of entrée:

Beef Tenderloin with Jumbo Shrimp, Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables, or
Seasoned Chicken Breast with Jumbo Shrimp, Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables, &
A dessert buffet featuring cakes, tortes and pies.

Dinner, Dancing & Mid-Night Champagne Toast- \$50 per person inclusive.

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Morgan Wellans, Scott McQuinn and crew from C&C29-2, Silver Fox, celebrate their Sheraton Connaught Trophy for most improved intermediate sailor, no doubt thanks in part due to some magic potion.



Rubber Duckies were out in full force during the Awards night, here Al Malloy and his son in law (middle) receives his award for getting tangled (literary) with the Committee Boat.

Dispatches from the Jury Boat *(continued from page 5)*

The boats were overlapped after Yellow gybed and Blue then became entitled to mark-room, even though she is now the give way boat on port tack (rule 18.2(a)). And yes, Blue and Yellow are overlapped even though they are on opposite tacks, because of overlap says boats on opposite tacks are overlapped when rule 18 applies or when both are sailing more than 90 degrees from the true wind. Rule 18.2(a) says: when boats are overlapped the outside boat shall give the inside boat mark-room, unless rule 18.2(b) applies.

So, how much mark-room may Blue take? According to the definition of mark-room she may take room to sail to the mark and then room to sail her proper course while at the mark. In addition, because Blue

is the give way boat when she is on port and still give way as the windward boat after her gybe, that is all the room she may take. When Yellow gybed and the boats became on collision courses, Blue gybed and kept clear of Yellow and then sailed a direct course until she was alongside the mark, therefore she did not take more room than she was entitled to.

The outcome of this protest is that it is dismissed because no rules were broken.

From The Office

If there was ever a way to make a November fly by, I believe I've found it.

This position at RHYC meets and exceeds the top criteria on my career wish list: that every day must be unique.

Please let me thank all the membership I've had the pleasure of meeting so far, for their warm hospitality and support. For those of you I haven't met yet, please stop in and say, "Hello," next time you are in.

Apart from day to day duties, I will be concentrating on our food & beverage program in the next few months. The plan includes introducing some exciting choices in both our food and wine selections that will compliment current membership favourites. It is our job to give the membership more reasons to want to frequent the Club for all your personal and business needs. I strongly believe the restaurant/ bar service to be one of the most important components to a busy vibrant club.

At this time I want to wish all the membership and staff at RHYC the happiest of Holiday's and a very prosperous and exciting New Year!

Michael Temperley
RHYC Manager



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