



NEW HORIZONS

THE ROYAL HAMILTON YACHT CLUB (ESTABLISHED 1888) INC.



October 2010

Commodore's Report

Where did the summer go? It was truly one of those 'lazy crazy days of summer' we all dream about. As a racer and cruiser at our club, this was one of the best summers in my recent memory. I must send out special thanks to George Tinsley and his committee for helping put a lot of the prepping together. Thanks to our race committee, our scorers, our recorders, our fleet reps, and more! Thank you for all your help. As well, special thanks to Ric and Debbie McQuin for all their wonderful organization on our club cruises. You have all done wonders for helping create great summer memories.

The pool was a very busy place this year, and why not? The weather just said, "Come swim with me." Thanks again to our VC Chris McCormack, our head life guard and additional life guards for a great summer. For those who enjoy the pool each year, Christine Green and her committee are looking at ways of improving the physical property with things like washroom updates, privacy screens, new furniture, and such. Thanks to the pool committee, a great pre-fundraising party was held in September, but look for more to come during the winter. Special thanks also have to go to Margaret Jones and Kathy Hagen for all the work they have done on our grounds, and to Diane Brown who donated money to help buy some of the beautiful plants we all enjoyed around the Club.

Our sailing school's attendance was up this year over last, due much in part to the great work from our Sail Training Committee and VC D'Arcy Wilson. Reports from parents and students alike was that a lot of fun and learning was had. Our sailing school is vital to our clubs longevity; more members are still needed on this committee to help to continue to move our programs ahead. Think of joining this winter!

You can't help but notice how much our docks have improved this year with the help of VC Colin Jacobs and great staff help from Ron and Steve. I have had many positive comments on our club's improvements this summer from visiting yachts. Also the Harry Penny turned into a wonderful Committee Boat. With next year's addition of a bimini, it will be one of the best, most workable RC boats on Lake Ontario. Direct your kudos to Past Commodore Bill Cheek for all his help and input.

Our social activities were outstanding, thanks to VC Wendy Johncox and her team. We are looking at adding even more to our event calendar next year. Your input and participation is always greatly valued, so please join and help with this committee wherever possible.

Our election meetings are coming up very soon. I would like to thank all those leaving the Bridge and Board for all your hard work on behalf of our wonderful members. I have truly enjoyed being your Commodore and look forward to our new season with all the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead.

Please get involved. Make a difference.

We truly have one of the finest clubs on the lake.

Russ Perry
Commodore



The new Canadian Opti Champion, Meredith Megarry and the top male sailor Jared Collinson at the Opti Canadian Championships held at RHYC this past August. Photo by Chuck Sweet.

New Honorary Chair Announced for the 2011 Mobility Cup

Laurel Thompson and Bob Wercholo, co-Chairs of the 2011 Mobility Cup, north America's largest sailing regatta for sailors with physical challenges and disabilities announced in September that well-known and well-respected Hamilton and Burlington business leader, Don Green, has accepted the position of Honorary Chair of the event.

"We're very excited that Don has come on board and we know that his experience and keen support of sailing will be an asset to the regatta organization," said co-Chair Laurel Thompson.

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS – October-November 2010

Welcome back to the Social Events at RHYC! The Committee has decided to start the events early with a dinner dance on Saturday, October 2, 2010. Paul Benton, vocalist and pianist will entertain, and the chef will cook a fabulous pasta dinner. It will be a perfect event for a fall night. Come out and enjoy!

The Committee has also sketched out events for the year including: an Adult Hallowe'en Party on Friday, October 29th, a Kids' Hallowe'en Party on October 30th, and Pub Nights starting in November too. Look for themed Pub Nights – lots of fun.

The band for New Year's Eve is Phil 'n the Blanks. This 7-piece band was fabulous last year!!!! Make RHYC your Party Central for the Christmas holiday season.

An RHYC 2011 Calendar will be available to purchase for Christmas giving. Please send pictures by October 2, 2010, of RHYC boats, events or people so that we have a great selection from which to choose. Drop off photos at the Office or email to: sail@rhycc.ca.

The 2011 events are still being planned and promise to be exciting and fun to attend. If you have any ideas you would like to put forth, please let me know.

I have enjoyed my two years as Vice Commodore of Social and would like to thank the Club members for their support of the Social Committee events. I am going to enjoy the events as a participant next year.

Wendy Johncox
Vice Commodore
Social and Entertainment

Coming This Fall!

Annual Sail Training Silent Auction and Book Sale Fundraiser

Date: 13 Nov 2010

We urgently need volunteers to help with organizing the following activities:

- Advertising
- Collecting auction items
- Recording items
- Room set-up and take-down
- Payment station and other tasks.

If you would like to help, please contact a member of the Sail Training Committee:

VC - D'Arcy Wilson
Jenny Hill
Rich Jones
Chuck Sweet
Ray Kirkham
Bonnie McAuley

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Jane, now living in Dundas studied at McMaster, traveled and worked in Japan, visited Laos, spent time in the Himalayas and has travelled all over Canada.

Attending a friend's wedding in New York she heard about the web site and the many topics it covers. She mentioned that if a job became available she would be interested. After creating her own website and writing a demonstration article about Canada she was hired by About.Com to be the travel writer for Canada. Her job requires about 20 hours per week answering questions and 3 or 4 major trips per year. She writes articles about the places she has visited and these stories are posted online.

Jane told us some of her favourite travel spots in Canada, such as Whistler, Keltic Lodge, Prince Edward County, Bonaventure Island and the St. Ann Spa in Cobourg. She also gave us the names of some useful online research sites such as Homeaway.com, Sherman's travel and travelzoo.ca.

Her pay is based on the number of page views and her site's rate of growth. If you have any questions about travel in Canada, you can give her your email address and she will be happy to answer these questions.

Henk Wondergem became an unexpected speaker and spent two very busy days preparing a talk about Holland, when he found out that Sue Ellis, our scheduled speaker (A Return to Antarctica), was unable to attend.

Henk was born in Holland and his brother is still there. As a result Henk and Vicki have spent many pleasant vacations there.

Henk had a very skilled video presentation which included the huge expanses of tulips we are used to seeing when talking about Holland. He also included images of Japanese cherry trees and a monastery herb garden. His photographs were also of the many historical areas, including castles built in the 10th century, many canals and boats, fields of windmills, and lots of bicycles. As many of you know biking is big in Holland, so big that it is hard to find a place to park. He was even able to including a picture of Queen Juliana riding her bike. Henk also proudly reminded us that Holland was one of the final competitors for the world cup of soccer.

A great job on such short notice, with music and humour interspersed throughout. Well done and thank you.

Sue Ellis is expected to give us her presentation sometime in the spring.

Our Shellback Lunch which includes, soup, sandwiches, coffee and dessert, taxes and gratuity will be \$14.00 this fall. Be sure to join us.

Our Coming Speakers include-

- Sept 16 – Bruce Wood, CEO Hamilton Port Authority “Who We Are”
- Oct. 7 – Yvon Fournier – “XPolice and the Services they provide”
- Oct. 21 – Roly Salvas “Laura Secord”
- Nov. 4 – Don Robertson “Cruises: New ships with exciting new itineraries”



Saturday, October 9th, 2010

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New Honorary Chair Announced for the 2011 Mobility Cup

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The Mobility Cup, the brainchild of Sam Sullivan, the paraplegic mayor of Vancouver has been held annually since 1991. In 2011 able sailors from Canada, the USA and New Zealand will compete on the waters of Hamilton Harbour. The event will be a qualifying regatta for the Access 2.4 class for the 2012 Paralympics as well as the 2015 Pan Am Games in the GTA.

Don Green has held many important positions in industry and held positions as a director of many non-profit organizations in Hamilton and Burlington. Don most recently served on the Board of Governors of McMaster University as well as serving as Chair of the Board. He has been a member of the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club since the late sixties and is best known in sailing-circles as the skipper /owner of the yacht Evergreen, winner of the Canada's Cup in 1978.

Bob Wercholz, Burlington Sailing and Boating Club
Laurel Thompson, The Royal Hamilton Yacht Club



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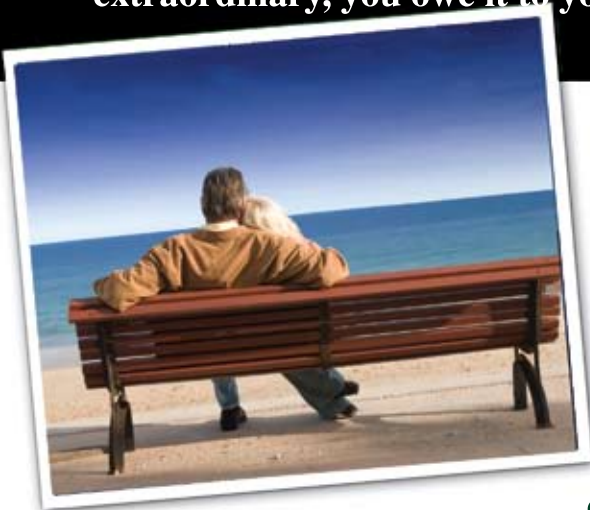
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President's Report

The annual budgeting process is well under way, having started earlier this year. This has allowed all of the staff and working committee's to think through priorities and resource requirements. The Board, Bridge and the various working committee's have engaged in a process that aims to align strategic priorities with the more immediate needs of the RHYC. Our next joint Board, Bridge and Finance Committee session will take place on Wednesday, October 6th, 2010 in the late afternoon/evening. One of the goals is to finalize the 2011 budget within the context of the RHYC Vision 2020 and our Mission Statement.

RHYC Vision 2020

RHYC will be a vibrant waterfront club that attracts local and national recognition for its excellence in sailing, boating education and development of community youth. We will be known as a club whose pride of membership lies in its attitude towards inclusivity, volunteerism, learning, families, respect for the environment and contribution to the waterfront and fabric of our neighbourhood. We aspire to be the waterfront centre of excellence in Hamilton.

RHYC Mission

The Mission of the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club is to promote and perpetuate the activity of boating, the social enjoyment of its members and to provide a positive benefit to our neighbourhood and the people of Hamilton

The 2011 RHYC fee structure will be approved at our planned October 20th Board Meeting allowing for invoicing in the last week of October with fees due December 1st, 2010.

The Election Meeting is set for Thursday, October 21st, 2010 and we look forward to good attendance. Please take the time to support your Board and Bridge.

The fall season is here, haul-out has started. We look forward to seeing you at the Turkey Regatta on Saturday, October 9th and we wish you a pleasant Thanksgiving Weekend!

Best Regards

Len Verhey
RHYC President

The Royal Hamilton Yacht Club Annual Awards Night Saturday, November 6th, 2010



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FOLLOWED BY DANCING AT RHYC DOWNSTAIRS

THE MENU:

ROASTED CARROT & GINGER SOUP
TOMATO & GOAT CHEESE TART WITH MICRO GREEN SALAD
PRE-SELECTED CHOICE OF:
SALT CRUSTED PRIME RIB WITH
YORKSHIRE PUDDING
WITH ROASTED GARLIC MASHED
POTATOES AND MICRO SEASONAL VEGETABLES
OR
STUFFED ROASTED CHICKEN BREAST WITH WHOLE
GRAIN MUSTARD CREAM SAUCE
WITH ROASTED GARLIC MASHED POTATOES
AND MICRO SEASONAL VEGETABLES
OR
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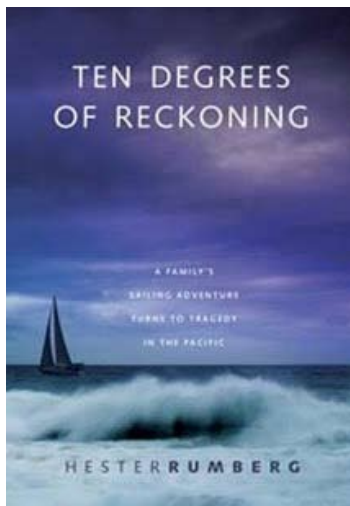
by Hester Rumberg, UTD Library Press, 2007

This is the story of tragedy. It is not for the faint of heart. The book starts with the last day at sea for the Sleavin family, aboard their 47-foot yacht, Melinda Lee. After three years of world cruising, they are 75 miles from their next port: Opua, New Zealand. The story flashes back to when Judy and Mike met, gathering momentum as their love builds and they become more involved with sailing. Then come the kids and a long term plan develops: cruising. We follow the adventures of the Sleavins down the West Coast, through the Caribbean, and then back across the Pacific. Always focused on the kids, Ben and Annie, the reader lives their dream. Then, run down in the middle of the night by an unlit freighter, their Melinda Lee sinks in seconds, with young Ben still trapped. With only a partially full inflatable, no food, no equipment, no protection, Annie succumbs. We share Judy's anguish as Mike, the father, so devastated, simply slips away. With instinctive will, Judith survives, only to be forever shattered

emotionally. From a sailor's point of view, there is a certain amount of satisfying justice since their friends, many of whom were only voices on the SSB, were able to analyze their logs and overlay onto shipping records sufficient information to implicate the Pan Grace as the unlit freighter. Although bottom paint samples corroborated the Pan Grace as the culprit, justice was ultimately thwarted by the complexity of international jurisdictions. A heart rending read.

Richard Herrington

RHYC Book Reviewer



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CLUB HOURS

Sept 7th to Oct 31st, 2010

MONDAY - CLOSED

TUESDAY to SUNDAY

KITCHEN 12pm - 8pm, later on race nights

BAR 12pm - 9pm, later on race nights

Club will be open at other times, where posted for scheduled special events. Please note: the Club will reserve the right to close earlier than posted when occupancy is below normal and to stay open when business warrants.

Dining Reservations Recommended

ADMINISTRATIVE HOURS

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RHYC Fall Menu Highlights

Antipasto

Prosciutto, geno salami, herbed olives, roasted red peppers, hearts of palm, international cheeses, toasted baguette and olive tapenade

Cobb Salad

Romaine, tomato, crumbled blue cheese, grilled chicken, cucumber and egg, in a Caribbean Mango dressing

3Layer Chicken Quesadilla

Pesto, diced grilled chicken served with goat cheese, mushroom, red onion and roasted red pepper. Comes with salsa and sour cream

Spicy Crab Wrap

Mango mayo, smoked bacon and alfalfa sprouts in a tortilla wrap

Feta + Spinach Twister

Coiled phyllo pastry baked and stuffed with feta and spinach

Lamb Medallions

*Served with Duchess Potatoes and Veggies
In a port wine glaze*

Panko Crusted Basa

Baked and served with a marinated vegetable skewer and a lemon barley risotto

Stuffed Turkey Breast

Stuffed with broccoli and brie under a cranberry glaze, served with roasted potatoes and veggies

Jamocha Almond Fudge

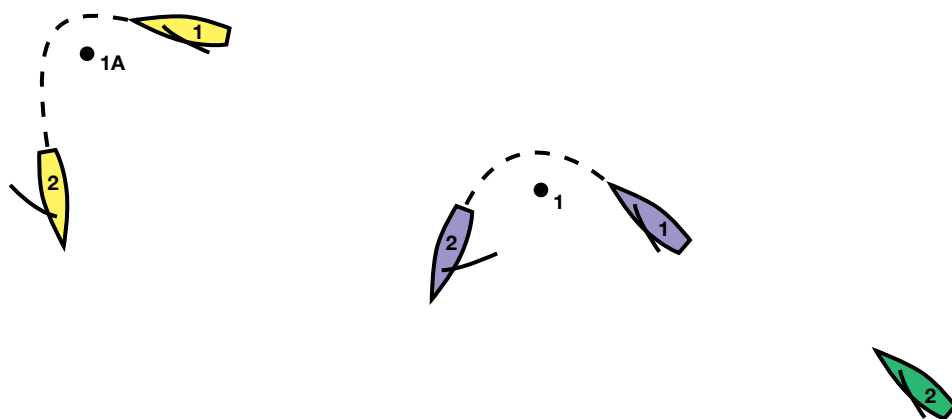
*The perfect blend of coffee and chocolate! Pecan Pie
Deliciously decadent!*

All this and many more delectable delights ready to be savoured at the RHYC dining room this autumn.

Dispatches from the Jury Boat

By Kathy and Leo

The sailing instructions for a race stated that all marks were to be left to port. At the top of the course was mark 1 and an offset mark, mark 1A. Purple had not read the sailing instructions and left mark 1 to port but did not sail over to mark 1A. Instead she turned at mark 1 and began sailing downwind towards mark 2. Green seeing Purple's error raised a red flag at position 2, but did not hail "protest" because Purple was too far away. Green finished after Purple and was unable to talk to her until both boats were back at the dock, where she informed Purple that she was protesting her. Yellow also noticed Purple's error. Yellow finished the race ahead of Purple. She waited for Yellow to finish, then immediately raised a red flag and hailed "protesting Purple" very loudly. Assuming that both Green and Yellow delivered written protests within the time limit, is either of these two protests valid?



Let's look at Green's protest first. When Green saw Purple not sailing the course properly, she displayed her red flag nearly immediately, but made no attempt to hail because she believed Purple was too far away to hear. Rule 61.1(a)(1) (protest requirements; informing the protestee) tells us a boat intending to protest need not hail if the boat she is protesting is beyond hailing distance. However, she must inform the protestee at the first reasonable opportunity. This means that Green does not have to take any extraordinary measures, such as tacking away from a favourable wind shift, in order to bring the boats into hailing distance. In this case, Green's first reasonable opportunity to inform Purple of her intention to protest was at the dock. This protest is valid.

Now turning to Yellow's protest, on the face of it, it appears to be invalid because Yellow did not display her red flag at the first reasonable opportunity after Purple missed mark 1A. Now here's a little twist for you. In position 2, Purple has not yet broken a rule. She does not break rule 28.1(a) (sailing the course) until she finishes. Up to the moment before finishing, Purple could have gone back and corrected her error, as painful as that would be. When she did not correct her error, she breaks the rule as she finishes. There is an ISAF Case that supports this view. Case 112 says that Yellow may notify Purple of her intention to protest when Purple leaves the mark on the wrong side, or at the first reasonable opportunity after Purple finishes, or at any time in between. So Yellow's protest is also valid.

From the office

The pool is closed, the junior sail boats are put away for the winter, and others are about to be hauled out – where did the summer go?

We are using this slow period to do some cleanup work around the RHYC. Areas of the club have received a fresh coat of paint, the yard is being cleaned up and we are winterizing the boats.

Most of the work going on is being done in-house. We are trying to keep costs down by doing work that is normally given to outside contractors. The club is looking better and better every day with the help of member volunteers!

The new fall menu has come out with good comments from the membership.

The new luncheon specials seem to be a hit as we see more people using the RHYC mid-day.

Within a few weeks, the new 2-for-1 on Thursday evenings will begin, with a rotational menu certain to please everyone's palate.

We hope that you are enjoying the changes around your club.

Ron Philp
General Manager



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for a new Coach Boat, Motor and Trailer

Saturday, November 13th, 2010
Book Sale Starting at 10:00am
Silent Auction Starting at 6:30pm

Come join us for a great evening of friends, food and fun. We'll have tasty hors d'oeuvres and beverage sampling to keep your energies up!

Prize draws, silent and live auction items available throughout the evening! Come and find great gift ideas or special things to keep for yourself!

Also

We are currently seeking all forms of donations to the silent auction such as life jackets, handbags, jewelry, gourmet goody baskets through to Leaf's tickets and an excellent private parking spot right out front at the Club!

Item donations can be dropped off at the RHYC office! If you require a letter of request for a potential sponsor, please let us know!

TICKETS IN ADVANCE OR AT THE DOOR
\$25 for adults, \$10 for juniors
See Mark or Ron for details!



A chilly day, but a fun day at the Pool Party fundraiser and awareness event held in September. Plans are underway to update the pool area including the washrooms, recliners, shade screens and more.



We left for our trip to Rochester on Thursday, September 23rd, from the RHYC. Everything started out OK. Our Friday plans were to take us as far as Oak Orchard, we leisurely did not leave Youngstown until 9:50 a.m. It was blowing at about 20-22 knots when we left, so I had a reefed main and partial jib. The wind just kept building all day and became a sustained 35-38 for at least 3 hours, we recorded a maximum gust of 48.3 knots with a boat speed of 12.4 knots both settings were saved on each Tri-Data. I took a photo because I think this was our personal best-ever for Lake Ontario on our Moody 42, Outsider II. The photo was taken the next morning at Rochester Yacht Club as it was dark when we got in. We arrived in Rochester at 7:30 p.m., which is usually a 12 to 14 hour go, but did it in just over 9 1/2 hours. The boat handled it just fine with the exception of one gust that caught us and just about rounded us up.

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