



# The Rudder

April 2007



Port Hope Yacht Club

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## PHYC Set to Celebrate 45th Anniversary

As relatively new members of the Port Hope Yacht Club, Christopher and I don't have the many years of fond memories of the club that many other members share. The enthusiasm for remembering the club's history was evident when the 45th Anniversary Committee held its first meeting on February 27th. We pored through boxes of old photographs and drawings that are in the closets of the clubhouse, and Dirk Boon and Bob McCaw excitedly tried to identify people from decades ago, when they, of course, were much younger, but already connected to the club.

One set of photographs was of particular interest, sent to me by Lois Thompson of Belleville. Lois and Murray Thompson were among the founding members of the club, and recycled windows from their house were apparently used in building the clubhouse! The picture above is a composite of two of Lois' photos, from the Spring of 1962. The boats are "Petrels" that "were mass produced in a rented factory by the founding club members."

I first met Lois Thompson last summer when I was duty officer. Lois came by with her son and a friend for her first visit to the clubhouse in 30 years. They were thrilled when I let them into the building, and spent about an hour looking at mementos on the wall and telling me about the early history.

We hope to have Lois and several other original club members back in October for an evening devoted to the history of the club. This is one of many activities planned to celebrate the 45th anniversary.

Gary Woodill, Editor

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## April 2007

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## Schedule of Events

April - Wednesday Night GAMS - 7pm

April 27th - Spring General Meeting - 7 pm

Wed. May 9th and Wed. May 16th - Race Skippers Meeting

May 12 - Launch

June 10th - Sail Past

June 16 & 17th - Tubby Graham Race/Cruise

(Port Hope to Newcastle)

June 23rd - Centennial Cup:

Cobourg to Port Hope with Formal Dinner /Band to follow

June 30th CAN/AM

July 1st - Canada Day Celebration

July 15th - Ken Bates Single-handed and Lady Skipper:

August 4,5,6th -Brockport Weekend

Sept. 1,2,3rd - Brighton Sail (The Gills BBQ) Labour Day Weekend:

Sept. 9th - Fall Classic Single-handed

Frostbite-Cloud Nine Cup (to be advised)

Countess of Dufferin Race (to be advised)

October— history night—TBD

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## Sailing Schedule (tentative)

## Wed. Night Race Series

Series One May 23-July 25

Series Two Aug 1-Sept. 26

## Sunday Morning Pancake Series

May 20-Sept. 15

## From the Helm

This is my first report in my new role as Commodore. First I would like to thank Bob McCaw for the work he put into making last season such a success. While he's a tough act to follow, I appreciate the many things I have learned from him over the past year and for his guidance this year.

Since December the Executive has been preparing for the upcoming sailing season as well as the organizing the ongoing social activities. Launch is scheduled for May 12th, and as usual the next weekend will be our first work-party of the season. Sail Past is planned for June 10th and Rob Prewer has an active schedule of sailing events planned which includes both racing and cruising activities. Series I racing will begin on May 23rd and end on July 25th. Series II will run from August 1st to September 26th. Rob is also looking at Sunday racing, beginning with a pancake breakfast. There will be more details in this and the following issues of the Rudder.

The 45th Anniversary Committee is also hard at work planning a number of events such as an evening on history and a celebration on the Brockport Weekend. I am currently trying to contact the Brockport Commodore to finalize the date and plans for the Brockport Weekend.

Since the Annual General Meeting there has been some controversy over the tracking of the ten hours of work that members are expected to put in each year and the application of the policy regarding fines for members that do not participate in work parties. Under Section 17 of the By Laws, Rules and Regulations of the club "... failure to fulfill the work requirement will result in an assessment of \$10.00 per missed hour." The ten hours expected by Port Hope Yacht Club and the amount assessed for failure to fulfill this requirement is fair, and far less than some of our sister clubs. This policy also ensures that the burden of maintaining the club does not unfairly fall on the shoulders of a few members.

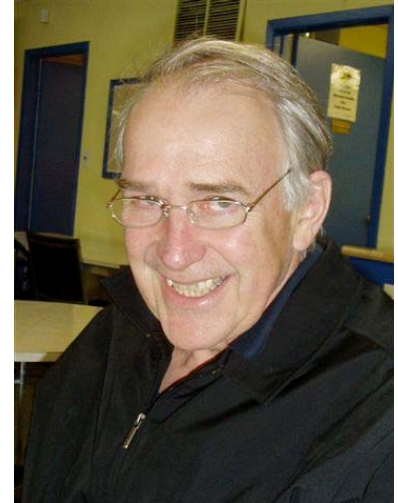
Enforcement of this policy however, has been problematic in past years. The lack of clear standards in tracking work and leaving fines has resulted in some inconsistencies, which in turn places the Property Chairperson in an awkward position. If s/he enforces the policy some members will be offended and this could undermine member relations. If the policy is not applied then the members who show up for work-parties begin to believe that the rules are unfairly applied, in favor of those who contribute the least.

The interpretation of this policy has been on the agenda of the Executive Committee in both the January and February meetings. The Executive have asked that anyone who cannot attend a work party to please contact the Property Chairperson and arrange an alternative work assignment. This will ensure that members' work efforts are coordinated and address club priorities. It will also reduce conflict over individual member contributions, and ensure that work contributions outside of work parties are recognized.

Before I end my report I should also mention one last item. Rob Prewer has been looking into Power Squadron Training Courses on VHF Radios. Although some members have their license, some of the newer members want to take the training to acquire theirs. In addition, some of the members who have their license would like a refresher or to be certified for the new digital VHF's. Rob has some information on Internet courses offered by the Power Squadron and, if there is sufficient interest, we could arrange the classroom training session.

I look forward to a successful year.

Hugh Nicholson, Commodore, PHYC



## Pictures from the Commodore's Ball



Evening of Glamour



Hey - We're winners!



Taking Home the Loot!



Thanks for all your help, Tony...

## 45th Anniversary Celebrations

2007 marks the 45th anniversary of the founding of the Port Hope Yacht Club. It is a club tradition to celebrate its history each 5 years. A 45th Anniversary Committee consisting of Gary Woodill (Chair), Bob McCaw, Jan Marani, and Dirk Boon, met in February to draw up a plan for this year's activities. The plan is as follows:

- The 2007 calendar of historical images of the harbour was a success, with over 30 copies being sold. A 2008 calendar with images of the history of the club will be developed for sale in the fall.
- Develop a list of people (both current and former members) who might have stories about the club, or older photographs and artefacts of historical interest.
- Set up interviews with older current and former members to allow their stories to be captured on audio or video tape. An interview protocol is to be developed. This can be an ongoing activity in preparation for the club's 50th anniversary in 2012.
- Review the boxes of archived materials at the club, scan and inventory them, and turn them over to the Port Hope Archives for care, cataloguing and protection.
- Local artist San Murata has painted a picture of the harbour and clubhouse. This picture can be used to produce a poster of the 45th anniversary of the club, for sale to members as a fundraiser. T-shirts using this image can also be produced and sold to members and club visitors.
- Historical content can be injected into the ceremonies marking such club events as the Centennial Cup race, the Tubby Graham race, and the Brockport weekend.
- Historical photos will be used this year on the front page of the Rudder.
- An evening event celebrating the history of the club will be held in October.

Volunteers to help carry out this plan are most welcome. If you want to help, please contact one of the 45th Anniversary Committee members.

### **Warning! Halyards Cut!**

Bob McCaw's halyards were cut for the 2nd time in two years. Please be sure to inspect your boat for theft before it goes in the water and report any more thefts to Commodore Hugh Nicholson.



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2007 PHYC Executive: Left to right – Bob McCaw, Lynn Prewar, Rob Prewar, Glynnis Tomkinson, Hugh Nicholson, Jan Marani, Dirk Boon, Fred Reid, and Tony Peters

More Pix from 2006



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## Pictures from St. Patrick's Day

