



The Rudder

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Port Hope Yacht Club

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Building a Club, Building Community

Building a club like the Port Hope Yacht Club is an act of community building. There is the literal building of the infrastructure of the club, such as raising the walls of the clubhouse in 1966. Lois Thompson, who sent me the photograph above, told me that the windows for the clubhouse came out of her house. The donation of time and materials at the PHYC is seen on a daily basis, as members add to and maintain the grounds and the buildings.

The spirit of community is still there after 45 years, and is evident to anyone who spends time around the club. Building community is also extending beyond the members to groups like the Cobourg Yacht Club, and the Brockport Yacht Club, whose members have been coming to Port Hope for visits for the past 40 years.

In a world that has become busier and more fragmented, enduring relationships developed around organizations like the Port Hope Yacht Club provide many members an anchor to community and friendships that is vitally important.

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Schedule of Events

September 8 - trip to Gills in Brighton

November 2 - 45th Anniversary History Night

Dates for Haul-out, the Commodore's Ball, and AGM will be in the next Rudder

Brockport Weekend

Jan Marini

Where were you in '62? was a great success (I think). There was a small but enthusiastic group from Brockport. We had fun trying to remember how to hula and blow bubbles. Also, the International Tug - of - War proved to be an intense competition. The CAN-AM Dingy Challenge had members completing tasks and solving riddles around the harbour basin. The cheering crowds urged the participants to row, sing and blow enthusiastically. And the afternoon was rounded off with the corn husking competition which set us in good stead for dinner. It was a perfect evening for dancing and socializing. Thanks to everyone for their support and participation.



Getting Ready for Bates Memorial Single Handed

From the Helm

This has been an active and interesting summer for Port Hope Yacht Club. Sailpast on June 10th was well attended. For the second consecutive year the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corp 116 Skeena attended with their band. They coordinated the opening ceremonies and then piped Carolyn and me aboard our boat. I believe that all but two boats from the club participated in Sailpast and the social event that followed. A well-organized event in combination with good sailing winds made the day particularly special.

I would like to thank Lieutenants Chris Barker and Clive Montgomery for organizing Skeena's participation in the Sailpast.

Sailpast was followed up with the Centennial Cup on June 16th with 20 to 30 boats from the Port Hope and Cobourg Yacht Clubs participating. A Cobourg boat Blue Magic won the race and Dirk Boon came in second. Next year we would like to see the order of the first two boats reversed. The race was followed with the awards ceremony, then an excellent supper and dance. Approximately 75 people attended the awards ceremony, supper and dance. I would like to thank Jan, Glenn, Rob, Bob and the other members of the Port Hope Yacht Club executive for the work they put into making this event a success.

Bob also organized the purchase of satchels and T-shirts honoring our 45th Anniversary. These were sold during the Centennial Cup and will be available throughout the season. The price is \$10 for the T-shirt and \$15 for the satchel.

Wednesday evening racing is also going well - with the usual exception of any wind! The races are well attended and the social aspects take priority over the competitive.

On a more somber note I would like to extend our condolences to Rob Prewer and his family. Rob's mother passed away during the Centennial Cup weekend.

I also wish to welcome two new club members Jennifer and Maurice. Our membership numbers this year are high, with new applications still coming in. We may be approaching the point where we will have to develop a waiting list for new member moorings.

This summer work has also been underway on a new Website thanks to Bob McCaw and one of his staff. The new site is currently under development and should be coming on line in August. We'll keep you posted as the work progresses.

Carolyn and I enjoyed seeing everyone at the Brockport weekend and the other events this summer. The only downside to all this is that summer is fast coming to an end.

Hugh Nicholson

Commodore, PHYC



40th Centennial Cup



40th Centennial Cup start (not much wind)



Centennial Cup & the Stick



Cobourg Vice Commodore Scott Hunter presents Rob with THE STICK!

From the Sailing Master

To all members of the Port Hope Yacht Club:

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for supporting our racing and cruising events; this year the turnout has been fantastic. The Wednesday night races have been very well attended with up to 12 boats at times coming out and we are all trying to get ahead of one boat. Sunday mornings have had almost as good a turn out as Wednesdays and the pancakes are great.

We had a really good time at the Tuby Graham race to Newcastle with 10 or 11 boats going there and a few less coming home. Panacea came in first, then Take Time, Moonshadow, and Amoreh. A really well done event!

We also held the spring single handed race with 8 single handed racers in pretty good winds and waves but all were safe and three of the boats crossed the finish line with 18 seconds between them.

I will finish up quickly as i'm late for Sunday morning racing by saying again - thanks to everyone.

Rob Prewer
Sailing Master



Firebug Fred Reid built a great fire on the beach, Tubby Graham Race 2007

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A sumptuous meal was served up for the 45th Celebration



Dirk Boon in 1st Place in the Bates Race



Moon Shadow and Pythagoras Battling for position, Bates race