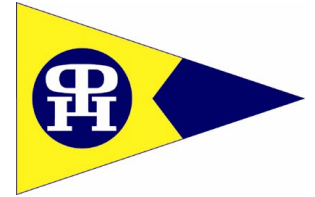




# The Rudder

June 2007



Port Hope Yacht Club

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## Another Launch, Another Season

This year's launch day had great weather, allowing the club boats to be placed in the water in what seemed record time. Five or six varieties of chili were on the stove along with the usual assortment of doughnuts and strawberries. As usual, everyone pitched in, and a good time was had by all.

The first major event of the season is the Sail Past, taking place on Sunday, June 10. For details see the commodore's column inside the newsletter. Other events, such as the Centennial Cup race, and the racing season itself are also described inside. We wish everyone happy sailing for 2007.

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**SAIL PAST - Sunday, June 10th!**

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Schedule of Events

Sail Past - Sunday June 10th

Ceremony begins at 1pm sharp with the Commodore being piped aboard his ship. The sailpast will follow on the water and the fleet will return to the club for refreshments and a social time. The phone committee will be in touch to let you know what you can bring unless you have already signed up.

Centennial Cup/Anniversary Gala - June 16th

- Race start 10 am - Cobourg
- Awards/Speeches/ - before dinner (5:30)
- Dinner 6-8pm
- Dance 8- 11 Hal Alison and band

Please get your tickets ASAP as numbers need to be confirmed with the caterer. It should be a great meal followed by a exciting band. Tickets will be available on Sunday or call to reserve your seat.

Tubby Graham June 23/24th

Aug. 4, 5 and 6 - Brockport Weekend: Where were you in '62? - Sixties Theme



Launch Day



Vice Commodore Dirk Cookin' Racer's Breakfast

## From the Helm

With the May 12th launch and all of the boats safely in the water, the 2007 sailing season is now underway. After a dismal start to spring we have also been graced with good weather since the launch. The fine start to the season and the work to date is an omen of good things to come.

Our first work party took place on May 19th, the Saturday following launch. It was encouraging to see the large number of members who took the time on their Victoria Day weekend to show up and help out. A few of the tasks, we had completed by the end of the day included: flowers planted, lawns mowed, garbage picked up, buildings cleaned and organized, electrical systems fixed, new cement on some parts of the docks, railings built and painted, and the hazards removed from the wall. Most important was the camaraderie, teamwork and good spirits - all the ingredients of a well functioning yacht club.

Thanks to everyone who helped out May 19th and the 26th, and a very special thanks to Tony Peters whose organization and preparation made the day run so smoothly.

Sail Past is the next event which is scheduled for June 10th. Sail Past has a long and honorable history for men going out to the sea. It dates back to Roman and Byzantine times. At the beginning of each sailing year or, in some cases before a major undertaking such as the fleet leaving for battle, there is a formal blessing of the fleet, an inspection by the senior officer and a salute to the senior officer. This was an important event because it ensures the fleet is in good physical condition and that it has the discipline in place to meet the challenges ahead.

In modern times Sail Pasts became a standard event for yacht clubs and other organizations associated with boating. In warmer climates, such as British Columbia, Sail Pasts can take place on a special day such as Christmas or Easter. Sail Pasts also mark special events such as the arrival of royalty or the opening of an exhibition. There is also humorous Sail Pasts such as the Nanaimo Bathtub Society's Sail Past which features bathtub boats on wheels and takes place on dry land.

Traditionally yacht club Sail Pasts mark the beginning of the sailing season and are the main social event of the year. They usually follows a standard protocol which includes a skippers meeting (where the Commodore presents the order the vessels will follow), the blessing of the fleet, the Commodore's sail out, and then the Sail Past by the various groups of vessels. This is followed by a social event such as a meal and dance.

Sail Past at Port Hope Yacht Club will be a little less formal, but not quite as informal as the Nanaimo Bathtub Society's. It will however have all of the trappings of a normal yacht club sail past and I hope that we can all turn out for this event. I'm looking forward to seeing you on the 10th.

Our major social event will take place the follow weekend with the celebration of the Centennial Cup. We will have the race on the 16th with Coburg Yacht Club and this will be followed by a formal meal and a dance. It looks as if this will be a great time for all who attend. Please contact Jan for tickets as they are selling quickly and we can only accommodate a limited number of guests from the two clubs.

Racing is also underway of Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings, and special events seem to be taking place in almost every weekend in June.

I would like to thank everyone for the work and planning that went into making this year another exciting year for the club.

See you all on the 10th.

Hugh Nicholson, Commodore, PHYC



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