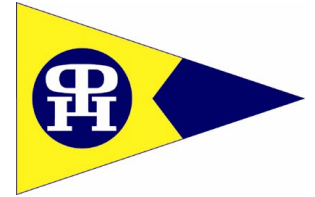




The Rudder

October 2007



Port Hope Yacht Club

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Keeping the Club Afloat

As the sailing season comes to a close with haul-out, the PHYC social season heats up. Club membership is a year-round affair, with something happening almost every month. We had planned a club history night this fall, but it needs more planning and preparation, so we will have it in January. In the meantime, I am asking club members for suggestions of local former members who should be contacted for old photographs and other PHYC mementos. If you have interesting old pictures of the club, contact me (905-342-9468) and I will scan them for the club records. You may also wish to donate old photographs and club documents to the Port Hope Archives. I can help with that as well.

The preparation of a float for the 1962 Port Hope Dominion Day Parade (shown above) must have been one of the first social events for the fledgling club. The founding of the PHYC has resulted in 45 good years of fun and friendships. As you can see by the social calendar, there are plenty activities in the next few months, under the dedicated leadership of Jan Marani. Let's keep the good times rolling!

Gary Woodill

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October 26th - General Meeting 7pm

November 2nd - Halloween Potluck and Games Night - don't forget your costume -6pm start

December 1st - Commodore's Ball and Awards Night - Catered dinner featuring Lolly's Red Sapphire Celebration Menu - Dancing to follow - \$30.00 per person/Cash bar- tickets will be available on Oct 26th or by calling Jan at 905 885 5678

December 9th - Wine and Cheese 2pm

January 2008 TBA - History Night

Thank You!

My family and I would like to extend our sincerest THANK YOU for the use of the Yacht Club for the Celebration of Life for our father and Past Commodore, Peter Marani. It was the perfect setting for this final farewell.

He had many happy memories and special friendships developed here. Your kind words and support were greatly appreciated and I consider myself incredibly fortunate to belong in the company of such a compassionate group of people.

Thanks!
Cin Cin,
Jan Marani



From the Helm

Haul-out on September 30th marked the end of another great sailing season for Port Hope Yacht Club. Just as every other event this year, haul-out went very smoothly with all members pitching in and helping each other. This doesn't mean that there weren't occasional tense moments such as my realization that the crane operator was trying to stack my boat on the top of my neighbour's Grampian. The event however wasn't marred by a major disaster.

While haul-out ran smoothly we did identify some possible improvements. At times the crane operator received conflicting instructions. This could have been avoided by channeling all communications to him through an experienced club member. A more efficient system for organizing the boats as they came into the wall would have also helped. These changes will result in a safer, more organized event, with less of those exciting moments in which you are desperately wishing you were more familiar with the terms and conditions in your insurance policy.

Aside from winterizing our boats we have a number of events to look forward to this fall. We have the Annual General Meeting on October 26th, a Halloween Party at the end of October, the Commodore's Ball in late November and our Christmas wine and cheese on December 9th. A history night with former club members is planned for January. Jan will give us more information on these events in this edition of the Rudder and in future communications.

While the sailing season is ending, interest in club membership is not. We welcomed four new members this year and a few crewing members. We are also receiving ongoing membership inquiries and, with the closing of spots like Newcastle, we can expect the interest to increase. Mooring spots are quickly filling up and we will soon be in the enviable position of putting applicants on a waiting list. We are quickly becoming an elite lot!

Before going into my winter hibernation I look forward to seeing everyone at the AGM on the 26th and at the Commodore's Ball.

I also wish to thank the executive and all of the many club members who have helped out this year for making this sailing season a success and for helping to lay the foundation for a great future for the club.

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