

Port Hope Yacht Club



The Rudder



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From the Helm



Hello all! Well, we thought that this was going to be a good year for our club and as it turns out, we're having a GREAT year.

Capturing the Centennial Cup from Cobourg and handing over the dreaded Hockey stick was special, to say the least. You can bet that it won't so easy next year. Participation by a large part of our membership won us this cup. It just goes to prove what many of us have said for (20) years, that you don't need racing machines, just enthusiasm. The

Wednesday and Sunday racing programs are seeing 12 to 17 boats for every race.

The Commodore's sail past was not only an excellent event, but was very well attended. Bonnie and I would like to thank everyone who attended. Our BBQ's and Pot luck dinners are seeing record attendance numbers, largely due to the hard work of Jan and Glyn.

Have you ever seen a happier Property Master? The membership has really stepped it up a notch this year and have got the club looking terrific. Our showers have been spruced up and they look great. You will notice that the grass is being cut regularly, can you believe that one?

Good news, as I write this message, the harbour mouth is being dredged along the west wall of the harbour mouth. Right on schedule!

The Brockport weekend is only 2 weeks away and I cannot urge you enough to be a part of this annual event. The hospitality shown by our American friends is second to none. If you can't sail over, a number of members are driving and spots are available. Check the board at the club.

Thanks to all, for your participation in all our events this year. I hope everyone will continue to support the club and enjoys the remainder of the season.

That's all for now. Fair winds.

**Dirk Boon
Commodore**

Socially

It has been an amazing summer with so many new faces mingling with the slightly more weathered ones. The Canada Day potluck was well attended with visiting boats being invited to join in the celebration. Once again proving we are the friendliest club on the lake. The fireworks, viewed from both on and off the water, were great. Thanks to all for the yummy dishes brought in to share.

We will be having a similar potluck for the Fun Sailing Day on July 19th around lunchtime (12-1pm). Bring your choice of “carne” to throw on the BBQ and something to share (i.e. an appetizer, salad or dessert). You are on your own for drinks as well but there is always the ‘pop’ fridge.

Then we will be gearing up for the Brockport Weekend, August 2nd-4th. Already we have a good number of boats planning to make the trek across the lake. Brockport have asked to know numbers for the Saturday evening dinner – a pig roast, I believe - so please call Jan or sign up on the board in the club a.s.a.p. The cost for this meal will be \$15 US per person for everything. Mike Coffey from BYC was also wondering about the number of people who might be driving over who would need boats to sleep on or other accommodations. If you could let Jan know this as well, we will make sure that everyone is looked after.

Traditionally, we prepare the Sunday morning “Canadian” breakfast including Canadian bacon, pancakes with real maple syrup, scrambled eggs, toast and Danny’s famous Mimosas. We will need volunteers to assist with acquiring, transporting and preparing this delectable feast. It might be fun to add member’s homemade jam to the table. Please let Jan or Glyn know how you would like to help out.

August will be a quieter month with many members away on holidays. The Tubby Graham is set to go for the weekend of the 16th. Please watch the board at the club for more details about this fun event.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the club sometime soon.

Cheers,

Jan and Glyn 😊



Membership

I hope you will all join me in welcoming John McLaughlin to the club. Many of you already know John, as he has been crewing for Dirk Boon for a few years now. John is our newest crewing member and we look forward to his participation in the club.

Sailing

I am extremely pleased with the participation shown in not only the racing programs but with the social aspect of the program afterwards. Everyone is enjoying freshly cooked hamburgers and freshly prepared sailing stories on the front porch after each race.

I hope to see lots of boats heading across the lake on August 02 or before to take advantage of the hospitality of the Brockport Yacht Club. You don't want to miss this event.

As you can see in the picture below, the coveted Centennial Cup is once again on the PHYC fireplace after a 20 year absence. Yes, and the dreaded hockey stick is in Cobourg.



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