

Port Hope Yacht Club



The Rudder



February 2008



From the Helm

To be a good Commodore I believe one must lead by example. Last year was an incredibly successful one because as I see it, Hugh Nicholson led by example. Thanks Hugh for one of the best years Port Hope Yacht Club has ever seen. I've got big shoes to fill.

I started sailing at the PHYC at 8 years of age. I've known, and or sailed with, every Past Commodore at one time or another. I've seen good times and not so good times. Let me tell you, we are living good times at our club right now. New members see what a gem we have here and have brought us back to being a vibrant and active club. In the past I've seen that we couldn't fill all of the executive positions. Not this year, more than enough people came forward to volunteer for positions. Thanks to you all!

Enthusiasm? Let's start with last years racing program. I don't think there was a race with less than 10 boats. Some races with up to 13 boats. Wow! Or how about Sailpast? I believe there were only 3 boats left in the harbour for that one! The Centennial Cup race turnout was excellent. The combining of this event with our 45th anniversary celebration made this one an event to remember. Brockport weekend was a roaring success. So you tell me, how do we possibly top all that this year?

The Trillium Foundation project is still in the works. This is a long and tedious process that could take years before we get somewhere. Hugh Nicholson has agreed to continue to work on it.

Our membership committee is looking into our initiation fees and we hope to have a full report for the spring general meeting.

As per my promise at the fall general meeting this is the first of 11 issues of the monthly Rudder you will receive this year. Thanks to Danny Lee for volunteering to come to every executive meeting to take notes and produce our newsletter.

Last but not least, our harbour mouth problem. Water depth is looking bad this year. Silting has become a serious problem. This calls for serious action. Eugene Todd from the Town of Port Hope attended the February meeting and the problems were discussed at length. That's it for now. Let's keep the ball rolling. I look forward to another successful year.

Dirk Boon
Commodore, PHYC



2008 Executive

Commodore – Dirk Boon
Vice Commodore – Brad Kelly
Secretary – Lynn Prewer
Sail Master – Rob Prewer
Property – Tony Peters

Past Commodore – Hugh Nicholson
Treasurer – Glynnis Mill
Social – Jan Marani
Harbour – Fred Reid

Social Committee



Hats off to Jan Marani and Glynn Marr who did a wonderful job of organizing and running the Commodore's Ball this year. Hugh, accompanied by his wife thanked the membership for a great year and for a great evening. The meal was terrific and a good time was had by all.

Happy New Year to Everyone. In Order to keep in touch over the winter season, we have planned a couple of potluck evenings. So mark these dates, listed below, on your calendar and come down to the club for an evening of fun and food.

Saturday February 16th – Valentine's Day Theme
Saturday March 15th – St. Patrick's Day Theme

Both of these potlucks will start at 6:00 p.m. I hope to see you all there.



The January pot luck dinner was well attended and everyone enjoyed the abundant amount of food and comradeship.

The club was well represented at the Port Hope Santa Claus Parade, as young and old sailed down the main street.



Merry Christmas!

Sailing Master

Hello Sailors,

I hope everyone is having a good winter. (Who wants to split gas to Florida?) Just a note from your sailing master. First, thank you all for a great racing and cruising season in 2007. We had a total of 20 different boats participate in at least one race! This year the goal is for even more.

The 2007 race season can be described as the year of the Dirk! He won every race series and all the individual races. The only two races he participated in that he did not win, he came in second.

The first race of the year was the Centennial Cup, with a great turn out with Dirk Boon placing second. The Tubby Graham Race from Port Hope to Newcastle and back was won by Dirk Boon with Steve Rhines in second and Fred Reid placing third. The Wednesday night races were split into spring and fall series with Dirk Boon winning both and Bob McCaw and Shane Wilson swapping second and third in the spring and fall. The Sunday morning races saw Dirk Boon come in first with Geoff Boon in second and Bob McCaw coming in a close third.

We had a new face come up to the podium as Jennifer Herds took first place in the Lady Skipper's Race, with Jan Marani taking second. I am hoping this year to have better hamburgers after the races and would ask everyone to come out, just for fun! We are planning some fun races on Saturdays and some teaching races for those who might feel a little overwhelmed about racing. Let me know if you have any questions or ideas, and above all, come out and have some fun. See you all on the water.

Rob Prewer
Sailing Master

The Cobourg Yacht Club has sent an invitation to the club for anyone wishing to attend the fun weekend of racing for the Can/Am Race. (Featuring white sail and Spinnaker Fleets).

June 28 and 29 2008.

Registration is Friday June 27th, at the CYC

Entrance Fee will be \$30 for club members and \$40 for non members.

For further information contact: Dave Kerr at Bus. - 905-373-6060

Home - 905-372-1707

Or : John Barton at Home 905-372-7830

Membership Committee

Brian Walsh and Roger Daly were welcomed as new members at the February executive meeting.

Harbour Master

The club finds itself in need of some tires on rims (inflatable) to use in the construction of new moorings. If you have any, contact Fred or leave them at the club. Thank you.

Property Master

The club has been plagued the last couple of years with the mess that the many geese leave everywhere around the club property. Anyone with any ideas or suggestions, please talk to or email Tony. Thank you.