

# Port Hope Yacht Club



## The Rudder



*June 2008*

### *From the Helm*



Well, we're in. Launch was one of the nicest days this spring and the operation went off without a hitch. On behalf of myself and the club I'd like to thank Geoff Boon for being our launch Marshall this year. I thought it worked well this year with our emphasis on safety.

The racing program has continued to grow this year as anticipated and the presence of lots of wind has made the start of the race season even more enjoyable. The racers are enjoying a better quality burger this year at the post race party after the Wednesday night races, served with a healthy portion of friendship and race recaps. A regular Wednesday night is showing a race fleet of 12 to 14 boats and with their crews, the parking lot is near full. I never thought I'd see the day!

Good news on the harbour mouth. I've been informed by Eugene Todd from the Town of Port Hope that dredging will be done during June and July. This is confirmed.

The first work party of the year was reasonably well attended. A lot of work was completed, but much more still needs to be done. I hope that if you are unable to attend, you are at least communicating with Tony Peters our Property Master to make other arrangements. You don't need a work party to do work. If you see something that needs attention then handle it if you can. Fred Reid assures me that repairs to the north wall will be completed when the water level drops a little. It's kind of hard to work under water.

There are many activities planned for this year, so please pick up a calendar at the clubhouse or check out the website. All times and dates of functions are in there. Our phone committee is also working. If you have not been contacted please let Jan know and she will look into it.

That's all for now. Fair winds.

**Dirk Boon**  
**Commodore**

**Sadly, I would like to announce that Steve Bunce, a former member of the Port Hope Yacht Club , passed away suddenly on May 26, 2008. Steve was living in Victoria, British Columbia with his wife Darlynda Lee. He was survived by his two daughters Stacie and Stephanie, his brother Brian, and sisters Susan and Beverly. Steve will be missed.**

## ***Membership***

**There were 3 new crewing members processed into the club at the June Executive meeting. We hope to see Denise Wescott, Kelly Heard and Philip Rock and their families around the club and out on the water. Please give them a big PHYC welcome and if you need crew approach them.**

## ***Sailing***

**Hello, all you race fans. Judging by the turn out for the Wednesday night and Sunday morning races there are a lot of race fans. As you can tell the races have begun and the participation is great and the competition is closer than ever.**

**The Commodore's sail past was a great success this year and the weather could not have cooperated any more than it did. Great turn out. Excellent day!**

**The Centennial Cup race is the first big race of the season and it's a lot of fun, so please try and show up and help send the hockey stick back to Cobourg. It's a 01:00 P.M start at Port Hope.**

**The Ken Bates single handed race and the Ladies Skipper's race will both be held on June 22. There will be a 01:00 p.m. start.**

**I have started to measure boats for Phrf but its taking some time to figure out the formulas. I do apologize, but I am hoping to get them done before the Can Am races. If you plan to race in the Can Am race then let me know and I will get your boat done first.**

**Rob Prewer  
Sailing Master**

## ***Social***

The Brockport weekend is coming up fast and if anyone has any ideas for a gift for the BYC please contact anyone on the PHYC executive. All members should plan on attending the Brockport weekend. You don't want to miss it, it is a blast. The dates are August 2, 3, and 4.

## ***Harbour***

The boats are once again in the water and the water is high. There will be some work done on the north wall when the water drops enough to allow us access.

## ***Journeys***

Ric Newman-Jones drove Glyn Marr down to Long Island NY this weekend, where he will pick up the boat that he recently purchased. From there Glyn will sail the boat back to Ontario by way of the Hudson and then the Erie Canal to Lake Ontario. We hope to see Glyn back in a couple of weeks.

## ***Photo Corner***



## ***Sailpast***

**Dirk and Bonnie Boon enjoyed a wonderful day for the Commodore's Sail Past on Sunday. The event was well attended by current and new members alike. As usual, Jan and the members that assisted her made sure we had a great spread for the event. The 2008 sailing season is officially under way folks. Happy sailing!**



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