

Port Hope Yacht Club



The Rudder



September 2008

From the Helm



This summer has blessed us with an abundance of the one thing we as sailors should treasure the most, wind. It may not have been as hot as we would have liked it. But who cares as long as we have wind. Not one race this year has been cancelled due to lack of wind. We must be living right.

This year was my first trip to Brockport. That's right, I said first trip. Even though I've sailed at this club for 42 years plus. But to do it as Commodore, made it extra special for me. Our American friends at Brockport Yacht Club were the perfect hosts. Our gift of the "BLUENOSE" model was received with much appreciation. We received a lovely clock set from BYC that was presented by Commodore Joe Amorese. The Can-Am Cup race was resurrected and Port Hope placed a respectable 2nd. Unfortunately there were only two boats in the race. Great fun was had by all involved. The challenge is on for next year and as hosts we better win.

This year our social and racing events have been well attended and much fun has been had by all. But now it's time to get down to the business of running our club. The fall General Meeting is fast approaching as is haul out. I strongly urge each member to attend the meeting as we have many important items on our agenda.



Thank you all for a great summer and I look forward to seeing all of you at haul-out and the fall General Meeting.

**Dirk Boon
Commodore**



Port Hope Yacht Club's youngest sailor kicks back on the Brockport Yacht Club's porch and has a cool one while her crew rests for a while.



The Port Hope Yacht Club Crooners belt out a song or two on the BYC porch.



Vice Commodore Brad Kelly gets a little sympathy for his Bo Bos, he received when he involuntarily did a bottom cleaning on his boat. Nice Dive Brad !

Long time friends catch up on the year's events.



Mike and Jill get the porch party going.

This year was the first time the Cloud Nine Race to Oak Orchard was hosted by PHYC and although the weather forecast was terrible coming into the weekend and the start was a little slow, it turned out to be an awesome weekend for sailing. The only rain we saw was Saturday evening and most boats had already finished that leg of the race.





The 1st annual corn and rib roast hosted by Dawn and Fred Reid had a huge turnout and was enthusiastically enjoyed. This new event looks to have a long future at our club. Thanks to Dawn and Fred for their hard work.

Fred reveals the secrets of his Ribs.



Birthday Boy humbly accepts his cake from Mom and Dawn.

Please remember that cradle placements will be done on September 27th at 09:00 and haul out is on October 04th at 07:00. All boat owners should have appropriate lines rigged to allow the slinging process to move along as quickly and safely as possible. Lots of hands make easy work, so remember to help others before securing your boat.