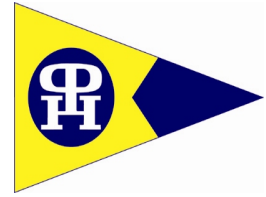


Port Hope Yacht Club



The Rudder



April 2009

From the Helm



Well, it's almost time to launch our boats, which happens on May 09th. So get down early and be ready for another successful launch. Just as a reminder, the Spring General Meeting is on April 24th. Unfortunately I will be away that night and Vice Commodore Rob Prewer will be at the helm. Please try to attend.

**Brad Kelly
Commodore**

Harbour



The checking of the moorings is going very well, but there are still a few members that have not checked their moorings yet. Please come down as soon as possible and make arrangements to have them looked at. Launch is May 09th, so have your lines and fenders on and ready to go before Peter gets here. Thank You.

**Fred Reid
Harbour Master**

P.H.Y.C. Property Management 2009

Port Hope Yacht Club Hosts Brockport Y.C.

Hi Folks!! This spring finds us through one of the harshest, snowy, wind blown winters seen in a long time. Even my Conestoga wagon tarp came off in one of the many blows. It was a time when we found shredded tarps and water flowing through the clubhouse and rivers flowing past it, parts of the North wall disappearing, Jib cranes listing at a 5' angle, all due to Mother Nature's persistent pressures along the North wall.

P.H.Y.C. is hosting Brockport Y.C. for the annual get together this year so we have to show our pride in the Club and club areas and get a lot of work done in the very early part of the year. The Club will need every bit of extra help that can be mustered and members are being asked to add that extra bit of effort this year. It will be very much appreciated. Another aggressive summer work plan is in the works as can be seen from the list that follows. This year, the club will be asking for members to take over some of the projects as sub foreman as George has taken over the task for the build of the shelter. Unfortunately, the work party day will not cut it. The projects are a bit demanding as they require a few hours of time spread over days and weeks instead of the hours allotted to work parties organized for the year. The commitment required is a bit different than usual, as these members will organize and concentrate on the one singular job at hand. Member assistance would be much appreciated through the daunting task of keeping an older Club functional.

Colder than usual nights and older equipment has caused a delay in getting the water turned on this year. Leaks noted last year had to be addressed prior to return to service.

2009 Work Tasks Ongoing

- 1:** Fan in the inside bathroom still requires repairs maybe replacement.
- 2:** The garage needs to be re-shingled. Roof by personnel door is leaking. Steve has accepted the task of getting this task completed.
- 3:** Chimney on the outside of building still requires re-building. At this time, the club requires a knowledgeable, skilled volunteer to champion this project and take the reins and guide it to completion early in the year, preferably before Brockport arrives. Draw from the membership as you require to complete this task. To the members who may be asked to assist, mixing mortar is actually fun. Along with the repairs are some general maintenance duties that most people can accomplish. The flu and fire pit were inspected last fall and are in surprisingly good repair. One thing noticed during the many Social events (many thanks Katie) is the fact that the flue is missing a damper and the heat loss up the chimney is substantial. The brass hood should be cleaned (polished) and made presentable for our and the Brockport socials as well.
- 4:** Clean and paint as much of the landing stairs as possible. This will be Totally done again in the fall when the water levels are low and I am sure that the brushes will come out as the water levels drop and more of the steps show up. Once again, Topsider paint is the paint of choice, if possible.
- 5:** Repair light on the outside of the Boat House.
- 6:** Newly donated dingy has to be repaired. Can be done at any time...
Volunteers anyone??
- 7:** Plane patio doors to work & align sliding locks

8: Trim hedge & shrubs in flowerbed & clean beds up.

Clean out both the boathouse and especially the garage. Access to the garage is severely hindered and needs resolved. If you have things stored there, please restore/send to garbage.

9: Clean out shower room storage area (water heater room)

10. Garage door again needs repairs. Damaged/broken roller, new cable, and blade.

11. Paint the bollards on North wall using good topsider paint (white). Easier to dodge at night. Anyone have any used cans of white topsider they'd like to donate? Primer required only where rust has shown its ugly head.

12. The shower area is in need of having the tiles replaced or reset with new waterproof glue. *****has accepted verbal responsibility for this and requires volunteers for it. Please offer assistance, these jobs are not difficult and they do need company.

13. Cut up any wood in the woodpile to 16" and stack. Ensure the fireplace box is stacked neatly and full.

14. Walk around the whole property and pick up all refuse. Separate into garbage and recyclable materials. Any materials not able to go into bags, start a pile in the compound to be removed with the old tires and junk.

15. A delegated volunteer is required to take on this task as well. The wall just south of the west club house door is not attached to the floor for some reason, and will have to be investigated. Materials on the first piece of paneling south of the door will have to be carefully removed so it can be reused if we can. If the sill is still good, anchors such as Tapcons will have to be drilled for and set in to secure the bottom of the wall. As there seems to be no way that water could have been ingressing enough to rot out the sill, it will probably be enough to anchor the wall and reassemble. Material may have to be purchased to repair as needed. As this is being done, it has been requested that an overhead light be installed over the Club House door for nighttime use. Electrical and Carpenters available throughout the membership.

16. The Boat House (Old CN Building) is in need of a good scraping down and repainting. I will be or have been in touch with the Heritage building people as to being once again given summer students to complete this job. As it is a heritage building, Heritage permission is required to redo it. Inquires will be made and materials will be made available probably for a work party later on in the year to restore. Comments???

17. Repair the electrical outlet east of patio doors in the clubhouse.

18. The north wall has been worked on and will be worked on over the year. See Fred to volunteer any help. I'll stop here. There will be more added over the year so keep a look in "The Rudder" for any more additions. As usual, a list is forthcoming at the club.

19. The taps in the kitchen sink require taking out, re-sealing and tightened down. While out, remove the cartridge and add a bit of silicone or such lubricant. If this is ineffective, it may need to be replaced if this doesn't.

20. The joists under the porch roof have started to show a bit of peeling. Some members can lightly scrape this area and touch paint them up.

21. During your walkabouts around the club, if you notice any problem areas, would the members of the club please write these down on the chalk board in the club house.

Don't forget there is a work party on May 23rd .

Thanks TP

Sailing

Due to changes at work and in my family life, I did not think that I would be able to make the commitment necessary to keep our sailing and racing programs up to the standards that they have evolved to. Regretfully I have approached our Commodore and asked him to find a replacement for me. Past Commodore Dirk Boon has volunteered to head up a Sailing Committee, made up of a number of club members.

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