

Port Hope Yacht Club



From The Helm

May 2011

Message from the Commodore



Well it is great to see the boats in the water and many masts are already up. The harbour entrance is navigable as some of us discovered on Wednesday evening for the "tune up" race. Light winds and cooler temperatures made for a short but exciting jaunt. If you are heading out, be sure to check the bulletin board for soundings, as the usual route is blocked at the moment. We have heard from the town that their plan is to hopefully begin the "silt removal" process on or around the 24th of May. This is good news as we prepare for the Sailpast

on June 5th.

It was great to have so many members out for the Spring General Meeting. As always, your input is welcome and necessary to maintain the spirit and smooth running of our club. The meeting saw the formation of the 50th Anniversary Committee who will be gathering soon to start planning events and compiling a list of past members to be contacted. If you would like to help out, please let us know and we can put you in the loop. Also, the addition of the new pay phone, located outside the building was explained. If anyone has a suggestion about how to reduce the cost of the phone inside, we would be interested in hearing from you. For more details, the minutes of the meeting are available.

Despite the cold, wet day, we were able to cross a number of things off of the list for the work party. There is still some painting to be done when the weather decides to cooperate. Thank you to everyone for the great participation.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone on the water soon.

Jan

Vice Commodore

SPLASH!



Finally the boats are in and a number of masts are up. I'm sure that by the time you read this EVERY mast will be up and the boats will all be spit & polished for Sail Past. I can't emphasize enough the importance of sail past and what a huge tradition it is in our little club. It will be 15 years this sail past since I had the honour of being Commodore for the first time and took the opportunity then to propose to Donna as the last boat sailed past. Of course sail past will always have a special meaning for me for the proposal and to have had the honour of sailing past

my dad as he had twice been Commodore of PHYC. Please honour Commodore Jan by your presence and your enthusiasm as I am sure she too will be thinking of her Dad as well who had the honour of being our Commodore. We are blessed and steeped with tradition at PHYC.

Membership – Please welcome two new members and one former Life Member as he renews full membership, and introduce yourself to them when you see them on the dock. Britt & Jennifer Earl and their boat "Leading Edge" and Ken & Bonnie Garrett and their boat "The Tart". They are joining us from Brighton and Queen City Yacht Club respectively. No stranger to any of us are John and Faye Shaw and the new (to them) Shark called "Vertigo". We now have only one free mooring.

Website – www.porthopeyachtclub.com is alive & well with an influx of new blood & vision from Dave Duncan. Please let Dave or I know if you have any ideas or would like to help with the administration of your website.

50th Anniversary – A committee was struck at the Spring General Meeting consisting of myself, Gayle Duncan, John Shaw, Orn Haraldsson, Dirk Boon and Ruby Evans Shaw. Ruby has already started a list of past members to contact and Gayle will be contacting various politicals for coverage. We would still enjoy further help with old photos/memorabilia you may have gathered over the last 1/2 century. I am getting increasingly excited about next year but I'm focused on THIS year.

Let's get involved!

Yours in sailing,

Bob McCaw
Vice Commodore

Sailpast

The long standing tradition of the Sailpast is steeped in 600 years of naval tradition and history. Many yacht clubs use this event to mark the beginning of their sailing season. For others, it provides some incentive to do a little 'spit and polishing'. One of our annual awards is presented to the boat that "is the prettiest" at Sailpast. As this is one of our club's most important events, everyone is expected to attend. Etiquette dictates that if you cannot attend, you should ask the Commodore's permission to be absent.

As has been a tradition at Port Hope Yacht Club, our event will commence at 1:00pm on Sunday, June 5th with the arrival of the Sea Cadets. They will lead us in O'Canada and the raising of the flags. Following this we will have a Blessing of the Fleet to ask for divine favour for the fleet as we head out to sea and to assure our safe passage and return. In recent years, the Commodore has been asked to do an inspection of the Cadets before being piped aboard.

Once aboard the Commodore will head out and set up for the review. The Fleet can prepare to head out shortly following. Please read the notes below regarding the order and etiquette for the Sailpast.

Sailpast order of Yachts:

The Vice Commodore will lead the fleet past the Commodore's yacht and will be followed by all Past Commodores and then the rest of the membership by seniority. The Sailing Master will be the final boat to pass.

The Salute:

Sail past the stern of the Commodore's yacht maintaining an interval of approximately three boat lengths and salute in the following manner.

- Yachts wearing an ensign will dip the ensign. (Lower it to half staff and then raise it again)
- Yachts not wearing an ensign will luff their foresail (Release the jib sheet and allow to luff).
- The Commodore will return the salute by hand.

The salute should commence one boat length before reaching the Commodore's vessel and continue for one boat length beyond. Wherever possible the skipper and crew should stand and face the Commodore. Only the Commodore salutes by hand.

After passing the Commodore's boat, please continue to move away allowing space for those who are following.

Flag Flying:

-please display club burgee on the starboard side of your vessel. This should be the only flag flying other than your ensign for the Sailpast with the exception of the Commodore's vessel

-boats may be decorated upon arrival back in the harbour

Once all boats are back in the harbour, the membership is invited to enjoy some food and social time in the club. (The phone committee will be calling shortly to let you know what you need to bring for the event)

Property



Thank you, to everyone that came out and helped at our first work party. A lot was accomplished and the club is looking good. There is a list of jobs posted in the club house if you are able to complete anything on the list, mark your name beside it. The work party was well attended and it was good to see how much enthusiasm there is this year.

Thanks, Shane

Past Commodore



I think Jan will be talking about the harbour mouth but just in case she forgets, the town is planning on renting a barge and backhoe to clear out the silt. The work should start around the 24th of May. I will be talking to the PHAI again to bring up some of our concerns and see if I can get some answers also they would like to give the club another presentation the first Tuesday in Sept. 2011. If you are not sure about the harbour channel this year, talk to one of the members that have already been out on the lake. I hope to see you all on the water this year and bon voyage.

Rob Past Commodore
Rob Prewer

Sick and Visiting

Vice Commodore Bob McCaw is recuperating at home after an unfortunate accident. He slipped and fell, severely breaking his ankle. I'm sure we all wish Bob a speedy recovery.

Social



Ahoy Mates:

With June fast approaching we have lots coming up. Our first event is June 5. We will be welcoming Jan as our new commodore at sailpast. The phone captains will be getting in touch with everyone to let you know what you can bring. On June 11th we will be having our 2nd annual Games Night Fundraiser. With only 11 in attendance last year we still managed to make well over \$100. Hopefully we'll have better attendance and double our profits this time around. June 25th is the Mexican Fiesta Night. Everyone should have their forms by now, and you can place your order with Dawn or myself. Fred and Dawn make an amazing meal ... don't miss out!

I want to thank everyone that helped out, for our successful launch day chili. Our chili volunteers were very much appreciated! The chili was delicious. Also, a special Thank You to Gayle Duncan for once again taking charge of the kitchen and making it all run smoothly. See you all on the water, and at all of our upcoming Social Events.

Cheers, Kate.

Anyone wishing to publish something in the Rudder, please contact me at dlee45@cogeco.ca

Thank You
Danny Lee

**PORT HOPE YACHT CLUB
Spring General Meeting
Minutes
April 29, 2011**

Call to order 7:12 pm

19/31 voting members present. No proxies submitted.

Commodore's Comments: Jan thanked last year's executive and feels positive about the coming season.

Adoption of Fall General Meeting's Minutes: Motion by Dirk Boon and Seconded by Glyn Mar. Carried.

Business Arising from Fall General Meeting Minutes: No errors or omissions. No business arising.

Treasurer's Report: The club had a good year in 2010. GIC's are doing well and one in particular has an excellent rate. The club is in good shape. 2011 revenue should be the same as 2010. Telephone expenses will be discussed under new business. Extra expense in Property to buy a new BBQ for the club. Club should realize a profit in 2011.

Motion to accept the budget: Steve Rhines Seconded: Dave Duncan. Carried.

Secretary's Report: Reciprocals are coming in and we will be sending ours out soon.

Break: Members decided not to take a break.

Committee Reports

Social: Gayle Duncan is helping Kate with Social. Please volunteer to bring chilli to launch. Kate would like to plan a fund raiser for the club to help with Social expenses. A date for this is yet to be determined. If you have any gifts that can be donated for door prizes, please let Kate know. Pirate Night was well attended and everyone had a lot of fun. Special thank you to Dave and Gayle for all their work to make it successful.

Sailing: Fred is changing the race course for this season to be windward to leeward. This will be more inline with PHRFLO. Racers will also be able to declare their spinnakers on race night instead of at the beginning of the series. It is hoped that more people will use them. The calendar of events for the season will be available at launch.

Property: The property will be sprayed for spiders as usual. Repairs need to be done to the wall as a result of the storm last week; the wind also took the wind vane off of the garage. The waterline is leaking again but it will be repaired. Glyn suggests replacing the carpet under the dinghies. There is some in the station house.

Harbour: Most of the moorings have been checked. Dirk and Geoff Boon have done soundings in the channel and have found that it is about 3' along the West wall but there is a 5' channel along the centre pier then follows out along the centre of the river. The Queen has been repaired.

Membership: There are 3 moorings available and 2 memberships pending. We will be full by launch. We are happy to introduce Britt Earl as a new member attending his first Spring Meeting.

New Business

Auditor for the Books: We need 2 members to audit the books. Steve Rhines has volunteered. Ruby usually helps to do this and she will be asked if she wants to volunteer.

Duty Roster-Explanation: Everyone must do their duty when listed on the roster. It makes the club look bad when visitors arrive and there is no one here to greet them or help them. Scheduled member is responsible for their night even if their substitute doesn't show up. If you get a substitute make sure it is properly recorded in the duty roster binder since the reminder phone call has to go to the correct person. The club will be enforcing the fines for not showing up.

Locking of Dinghies: Personal dinghies must be locked. Shane has chain and keyed alike locks to put on club dinghies. We don't want to be liable for any accidents.

Storage of Hazardous Waste on Club Property: Insurance Inspector wants all the hazardous waste removed from the station house. Gas can be stored in the garage. People have to take their hazardous waste home. The club cannot store member's hazardous waste and be responsible for it. There is no reason to have containers of "bad gas" stored at the club.

Brockport Weekend: We have switched years with Brockport. PHYC to BYC in 2011 and BYC to PHYC in 2012 for our 50th Anniversary.

50th Anniversary: We are looking for volunteers to form a 50th Anniversary Committee. John Shaw volunteered and recommended that Bob McCaw chair the committee. Gayle Duncan, Dirk Boon and Orn Haraldsson also volunteered for the committee. We must make sure that all past members are contacted and invited to events. Jan was given some memorabilia from Paul Wilson. Ron Linton suggests that the membership look through their personal things to see if they have any Club items, pictures, etc. to return to the club or use for the 50th Anniversary.

The Website: Bob would like to get help with the website. In 2010, very few pictures were taken and posted on the site. It would be nice if members could supply pictures and content for the site. Ron Linton would like to have more emails sent out to members to keep people informed. Danny Lee needs a steady supply of information for The Rudder or it is in danger of folding due to lack of content.

Club Telephone: Canadian Coast Guard requires a port of call to have 24 hour access to a phone. PHYC is still a port of call with the installation of the new pay phone. Do we need a phone inside the club? It was noted that most people have cell phones to contact one another at the club. It costs \$70/month to have the Bell phone in the club house. There is a possibility that we could get a wireless phone through the internet and it would cost less.

A motion was put before the membership by Steve Rhines and seconded by Dirk Boon. "Should we get rid of the business phone in the club house?"

Yes: 5 No: 11 Motion not carried.

Dave Duncan suggested that most people have cell phones now and not VHS radios which would make it difficult for visitors to contact the club if we remove the inside phone. The pay phone does not accept incoming calls. Geoff Boon said that we need to be able to call the next person on duty and even though the current phone doesn't make long distance calls, at least you don't need to find 50 cents to use the pay phone. Shane said that 2 boaters last season got caught in a storm and phoned the club for help. They were grateful someone answered the phone and could guide them in off the lake. Fred suggests that if the phone can save one person then it is worth the expense. It was also mentioned that the Ports books and other directories have our phone number in it and it would be good to keep that number. Rob Prewer would like the membership to give the executive time to source out a solution and try and replace the phone with a cheaper alternative. It was agreed that the executive would investigate alternatives.

Dredging: Report from Rob Prewer. The Ministry of the Environment still needs to approve the method of cleaning out the mouth of the channel. Council has put \$50,000/ year into their budget to keep the mouth clean. Marina development has been suspended for 4 years. Council has put together a Centre Pier Development Committee. Town is trying to be proactive about looking after keeping the channel cleared and are looking at buying a dredger or a barge.

Cameco: Dirk Boon has become a liaison with Cameco to keep communications open with them.

Phone Captains: Volunteers are needed for Phone Captains. Dirk offered to do out of town calls; Jen Earl had also offered to be on the phone committee.

Adjournment

Attendance:

Dirk Boon
Geoff Boon
Gerald & Ann Cox
David & Gayle Duncan
Britt Earl
Andrew Geekie
Orn Haraldsson
Ed Hellier
Dieter & Sherene Hrcncir
Danny Lee
Ron Linton
Glyn Marr
Bob McCaw & Donna Eastwood
Jan Marani
Wayne McLean
John McLaughlin
James McRury
Tony Peters
Rob & Lynn Prewer
Fred Reid
Steve Rhines
Shane & Kate Wilson
John Shaw