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August-September 2010

## Commodore's Report

You may have noticed that in all my reports as Commodore a lot has had to do with our wonderful volunteers at the RHYC. My sincere thanks goes out to those who volunteer. The Board and the Bridge can not do their part without those on the social or yachting committees, the sailing school or gardening committees. There are those who volunteer for race committee, regatta organization, house committee, finance committee, Easter Seals, officer of the day duties, docks and boat volunteers, cruising directors, editor of our newsletter "New Horizons" as well as many other smaller groups or individuals who just keep helping our club get better and better. My hats goes off to each and every one of you for your unselfish and tireless commitment to our club. Without these folks we would have to pay for these services and would simply make our club a very expensive place to belong. For those who are not involved, please approach any member of the Board or Bridge and say "I would like to help". Whether it is a few hours on a weekend, to being part of the Board or Bridge, we could always use your help. Getting involved is fun and a great way to meet people.

July has also been a very busy month. We had a wonderful cruise to Port Credit and Fifty Point thanks to the organization of Ric and Debbie McQuin. We had a fabulous Fogh Boorman regatta chaired by Shelly Vaughn and a wonderful Shark Provincial Regatta chaired by Jeremy Crowder. This will be followed up by the Snipe Canadian Championship at the end of July.

Laurel Thompson is chairing our annual Easter Seals Regatta this year. She has some wonderful new ideas for fundraising and for the actual regatta. To date we have raised over \$100,000 for children with disabilities in the Hamilton area. If there ever was a right time to get involved, this is it. Get your pledge forms from the Club, get your co-workers or fellow crew members to kick in a few bucks, and get registered for this great annual event. As much as this is a regatta, our whole aim is to have fun and support those kids in need in our area. This is a great way for you first-time or occasional racers to get out and get around the bay in a safe and fun way. Our guests (special kids from the Hamilton area) are treated to a fishing derby, a cruise on the bay and some great food and bands. Please come down and join in the fun. Please get involved, these kids need you help.

I am also pleased to report a great start for our junior sail program. V.C. D'Arcy Wilson and I attended graduation of the first class of this years program, met all the students, many of the parents and were shown a great slide show of the activities - both on and off the water - put together by Emily Foster. With all the hot weather we have been having, the pool has also been a great place to "hang out". My thanks go out to Emma and all the staff for making your visit to the pool safe and fun. *(continued on page 3)*



Your 2010 RHCY Bridge. L-R: Colin Jacobs, VC Docks & Boats; Chris McCormack, VC Pool & Grounds; Wendy Johncox, VC Social; Commodore Russ Perry; Past-Commodore Rodger Metcalfe; George Tinsley, VC Yachting; and D'Arcy Wilson, VC Sail Training. Photo by Anne Berryman



Dave Volins finished second, close behind Al Malloy, during June's Rock The Hammer Regatta. Dave spent the last 2 years working on his boat with lots of help from Al. To this day Al still sneaks on board to do some tuning. Al was lucky to finish just a head of Dave in their fleet. Not a bad finish for Dave's first Regatta with his own boat.

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## Sail and Power Boat Training News

Our sailing school is in full swing!! During the first 2-weeks of July, we completed the first session of training young sailors. The weather cooperated so the coaching staff were able to spend many fine days on the water teaching the 29 youths how to sail, working towards their CYA sailing proficiency levels.

At the time of this writing Junior Sailing school registration is very strong. We currently have 86% of our positions filled against a planned occupancy of 90%. Every week more of our available positions are getting filled up. So if you are thinking of sending your child to a follow-up session, now is the time to book! Sessions are filling up.

If you have not had a chance to visit our new sail-training website, please do. You will notice that we are taking feedback seriously: we are trying to improve access to information and improve communication about our training programs. To further enhance our ability to communicate with parents and youth sailors alike, we have installed phone access to the sailing school building for parent to call. Please see the website for the phone number. Also to communicate activities, you are encouraged to visit the new RHYC Sailing School "Blog" site at <http://rhyc-sailtraining.blogspot.com>. Here you and your young sailor will find details about upcoming events, weather forecasts, notes from Head Instructor, Emily Foster, and other useful planning information. We have tried to improve our communications and welcome any feedback on these efforts.

In previous years, at the end of the sail-training season, a sailing school banquet has been held. The focus on the banquet, typically held in October, has been to celebrate the achievements of the race teams during their racing season. The staff and the Sail Training Committee have decided to re-think this event. I am pleased to say that the banquet will now be for ALL families of the sailing school. We wish to host an event that completes the youth summer sailing season for all students and provides a means for the kids to have one last get together with their coaches and friends before "real" school starts. The date selected for this year's SAILING SCHOOL END OF SEASON BANQUET is 28 August, 2010. More details to follow on the blog and through the coaching staff. We hope that you will all be able to come!!

At the end of the last session, we had to say goodbye to one of our newer coaches, Iain Wilson. We wish him well in his future as he takes a couple of weeks to train for competition in his last Youth Nationals regatta before heading off to become a young Naval Officer and Cadet at the Royal Military College of Canada, starting mid-August. Iain will be working towards achieving his engineering degree in Aeronautical Engineering as well as training to be a Naval Combat Systems Engineering Officer. We wish him good luck and fair winds. Replacing Iain, is Justin Hall who many will know from previous years on staff. We welcome Justin back to the team.

Yours aye,

D'Arcy Wilson

Vice Commodore  
Sail and Power Boat Training Committee

## Commodore's Report *(continued from page 1)*

Our numbers are down in our Adult Learn to sail program this year and we still have openings. If you or someone you know would like to learn to sail, please call Ron and book a mutually convenient session.

I look forward to seeing you all around the RHYC.....the very best club on the Lake!!

Russ Perry

Commodore

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According to Wikipedia, “Pope” is from the Latin “papa” and the Greek word “pappas” an affectionate word for father. When **Paul Henderson**, the “Pope” of sailing, spoke to us he gave us his fatherly thoughts on fleet racing, match racing, the latest America’s Cup race, Toronto politics and politicians, Toronto’s western gap and Hamilton’s Pam Am Stadium.

Paul Henderson has been a life long sailor, Olympic competitor, Vice President, and President of IYRU (now known as ISAF), an engineer and a plumber. He gave us a vivid account of how he progressed from his early sailing years on Toronto Island to become a member of many Canadian Olympic Teams, win many national championships and eventually become known as “The Pope of Sailing”.

Paul’s latest venture is his book, affectionately titled after his nickname, which tells his life story in great detail beginning with spending summers on Toronto Island, sailing in his first Sabot, meetings with well known racing sailors, dinners with royalty as well as stories of some of his plumbing repairs.

As far as his opinion on where Hamilton’s stadium should be located, his main concern was that it should be designed to accommodate both football and soccer.

### Rainbow Derivative Rises From The Depths

The presentation by John Unsworth was a very entertaining description of the raising of the four passenger, 35-foot mahogany boat, the **Wa Chee Wee**, from the depths of Lake Muskoka. This was no ordinary boat, but the last of three derivatives of the original Rainbow 1.

Harry Greening had raced the Rainbow 1 in 1920 and had won the first Fisher Cup race that year. The boat, built for Harry by Herb Ditchburn, had a unique hand-made 350 HP motor which was fine for racing, but made handling difficult. The Rainbow derivatives, though very fast, were much more suitable for recreational use. The Wa Chee Wee was used as a water taxi from about 1930, but sank almost 45 years ago.

An underwater scanner located the Wa Chee Wee. A barge with hoisting equipment was positioned above the boat. At a depth of about 100 feet, it was dark and cold. In addition, there was 8 feet of muck under the boat, making it difficult for the diver to fasten the line. With the line finally in place, the raising could proceed. Thanks to perfect October weather, the operation went smoothly and successfully. Luckily, the Wa Chee Wee was sound and restoration is being started. As an accompaniment to the talk, John’s brother Jim made a presentation of the Rainbow Boat’s history, along with a video of the boat raising.

The amount of work that John and his enthusiastic crew put into this enterprise is amazing. Watch this space! John has hinted that he might know the location of another historic boat that is waiting for rescue.

Join us in September for the start of our new season –

### Coming Speakers

- Sept 2 – Sue Ellis, “A Return to Antarctica, a Rendez-vous with Destiny”:
- Sept 16 – Bruce Wood, Bruce Wood CEO Hamilton Port Authority “Who We Are”
- Oct. 7 – Yvon Fournier – “XPolice and the Services they provide”

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Hi guys,

**We can’t thank you enough for a wonderful cruise to RHYC. Ron, Steve and the rest of the staff and members were gracious, hospitable and helpful. We managed to find everyone a slip with only one boat raffing. We had crowds at the bar watching soccer and one of our members tickling the ivories on your piano both nights. And of course, the weather could not have been better.**

**We would also welcome the opportunity for another reciprocal cruise next year to your club and will be in touch in the fall to arrange.**

Kind Regards,

Helmut & Carol

PCYC Cruise Directors



*Slips on Slips 2010 was a much needed event considering the heat and beautiful weather in June.*

## A message from the President

An invitation came to me through The Royal Hamilton Yacht Club to attend a garden reception hosted by her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second and Prince Philip the Duke of Edinburgh at Rideau Hall on June 30. What a privilege and honour to be able to represent the RHYC at this very memorable event. The Club badge on my navy blazer got the attention of Her Majesty and His Royal Highness. I was given the opportunity to introduce myself to both and a short discussion followed with Prince Philip about sailing in Hamilton. It was a three hour event with the Royals present for just less than one hour, very special.

As I was walking around and taking in the event I could not help but remember Gwen Myatt, a dedicated Club member who passed away last year. For many years she maintained good relations with the Government House, Office of the Secretary of the Governor General in Ottawa. Various people I met were very familiar with Gwen Myatt and her passion for all things Royal. Thank you, Gwen.

At the garden reception I was approached by several people from the Canadian Heraldic Authority with regard to the Grant of Arms. Bruce Patterson, Saint-Laurent Herald, was very excited about the file and indicated that he just received the proofing package from our Past Commodore, Rodger Metcalfe. I have attached a photo of Bruce Patterson and Bishop Ralph Spence with his wife who has also contributed significantly to this effort. Cheers to Rodger Metcalfe for moving this file along. As Rodger indicated in his report to the Bridge, it is a tedious process, but we all look forward to receiving the Grant of Arms.

Another thing that generated discussion was the tie that I intentionally wore to this event. I inherited a tie from my grandfather who passed away in 1986; the background is navy blue with diagonal gold strips and the coat of arms of The Hague, the Netherlands which includes an image of a stork. It's very attractive. *(continued on page 6)*



*Bruce Patterson, Saint Laurent Herald and Bishop Ralph Spence with his wife eagerly anticipate RHYC receiving the defaced ensign, and are working to do so.*



*Bruce Patterson, Saint-Laurent Herald and Len Verhey*

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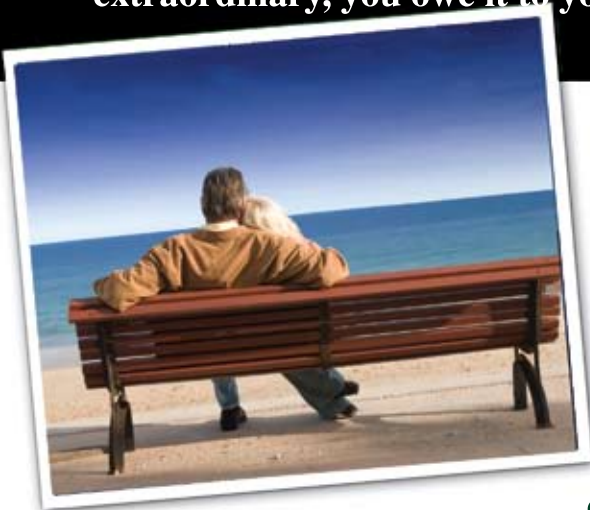
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Her Majesty at the Governor General's estate for a garden party on June 30, RHYC represented by Len Verhey, Club President.

## A message from the President *(continued from page 4)*

The Club tie currently issued is less than exciting and has been a topic of discussion among the Board and Bridge members for some time. Every time the subject comes up we joke about the tie committee that we desperately need. The suggestion that came from the group of people with the Canadian Heraldic Authority was to wait for our Grant of Arms and consider integrating it with the formal RHYC uniform.

The annual budgeting process is well under way. Starting earlier this year will enable all the staff and working committee's to think through priorities and resource requirements ahead of time. In the Month of August our Commodore Russ Perry, the VC's and the various working committee's will be engaging in a process that aims to align strategic priorities with the more immediate needs of the Club. I trust that those of you involved in our club committee's will take the time to participate and make your voice a part of this year's budgeting cycle. We are in the process of organizing a joint Board, Bridge and Finance Committee session to finalize the 2011 budget. The meeting will take place Wednesday September 1st, 2010 late afternoon or evening - more details to come.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Best Regards

Len Verhey



Optimists take off during one of the starts during the Fogh Boorman Regatta. More great Opti racing to come to RHYC in August!



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## Letters from Egypt A Journey on the Nile

by Florence Nightingale, Barrie & Jenkins, London, 1987

Florence Nightingale wrote these letters to family and friends as she cruised the Nile in 1849. In this age of colonial imperialism, before travel agents and packaged tours, she traveled by dahabieh (lateen rigged sailing barge) from Alexandria through two sets of cataracts to Ipsamboul, Nubia. She describes the contrasting lush green cultivation on the banks and the melancholy, lifeless yet splendid desert, where death pervades everything. She also describes the temples, tombs and pyramids in palpable detail. The reader can feel the claustrophobia as she crawls, like a rat, through the maze of the Great Pyramid of Gizeh with only candles to see by. You feel her excitement as she discovers temples cut deep into the rock and reads the ancient stories carved and painted into the columns. You will share the adventure as she is chased by angry locals. And you will feel awe as she walks with the likes of Moses, Plato, Mary, and Pythagoras, contemplating and philosophizing about the past, present and future. Well prepared with facts, she relates the history, explains the who's who of ancient Egypt and never holds back her opinions. Florence reveals herself to be a scholarly intellectual on a mission without even a trace of the tourist. Had she not fallen into nursing, she easily could have been a great writer.

### Reviewer's note:

The reader cannot help but compare Florence Nightingale's "Letters from Egypt" and Rosemary Mahoney's "Down the Nile", reviewed previously. Although 157 years apart, both women were awed by the extremes that are Egypt. For Florence, this was life and death: How the constant pre-occupation with the hereafter must have impacted every part of daily life for thousands of years. For Rosemary, the expectations and obligations of the traditional male/female roles is stifling and subjugates her to limited success in her voyage. Nevertheless, time seems to have stood still. They both witness the same desert, the same river, the same monuments. The reader comes away with a sense of timeless, self-perpetuating eternity.

Richard Herrington

RHYC Book Reviewer

## Junior Sailors Make Waves in Multiple Regattas

The past session has been a very successful one for the RHYC Jr. Sailing program. The July 20 weekend saw our Silver/Gold team at the Steerers and Four Sisters regattas in Port Credit; Jerred and Alexandria placed 4th overall at Steerers in their 420 and even managed to win one of their races! Will and Kevin placed 3rd overall at Four Sisters, also in a 420. Congratulations to all members of the Team on a great weekend! Our Opti Development team was also in Port Credit that weekend; Typhoon, Hayden, David & Evan even endured thunderstorms and hail on Saturday during the Four Sister regatta! David Mongeon and Typhoon Dikici both placed 4th overall in the Green and White fleets respectively. For many members of this team it was their first time racing this summer, with such great results we look forward to seeing them progress through the RHYC ranks in the future!

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## From the office

I took a few minutes this past week to look around the club, put pen to paper and to list all those changes that have taken place over the last 6 or so months.

From kitchen renovations, to painting the pool, the club is moving forward in leaps and bounds. When guests arrive at the RHYC and have a look at the facilities, they are impressed at the changes. When introducing the club to perspective members, it is much easier to sell a membership because facilities show so well!

On that note, the RHYC saw 17 new members sign up since the beginning of June!

Below is a partial list of the changes to the club over the last 6 months. Most of the changes came about in part through the commitment of RHYC volunteers. Once again my hat's off to those who dedicate their spare time to help the club succeed.

- Work was done on both the visitors dock and Admirals row. The club put down new decking as well as fender boards and reattached dock cleats. The electrical outlets were upgraded and next year will see 30 amp power plugs put in, as well as new water lines.
- The overgrown cedar bushes have been trimmed back and cleaned up in front of the visitors dock.
- Plastic dock floats were installed in front of the junior sail building to prevent both coach boats and Junior Sailing boats from being damaged.
- Commodore Penny had a complete makeover and a new engine installed. Last thing to do is install a new bimini.
- The upper and lower compound area of junior sail has been cleaned up along with the Junior Sailing building cleaned out and reorganized.

- A phone line was run from the main building to the Junior Sailing office allowing now for a functioning phone on site.
- The Optimist ramp and deck area by the inner harbour has been rebuilt allowing for better launch/haul-out facilities for Optimists, especially good for when we hold large regattas (E.g., Optimist Canadian Championship at RHYC in August).
- The RHYC has purchased 160 plastic bistro chairs to be used for large functions on the patio and lawn. This allows us to save on rental charges, and becomes a revenue stream as we rent these chairs occasionally to the Waterfront Center.
- The RHYC purchased a new 6 foot Crown Verity BBQ to replace the old gas BBQ on the patio. This will allow for more outdoor functions and improve the quality of the food served.
- The pool saw the installation of a new pool filter, major cement repairs and painting, repair of the solar blanket, and repainting of both washrooms.
- The kitchen had over \$40,000 worth of new equipment installed at the beginning of January, including renovations to both the kitchen and dishwasher area. More work will be done in the fall to fine tune the operations.
- A new hardwood floor had been installed, the lounge painted, new bar stools purchased by members, as well as a new fish tank installed all in January at the same time that the kitchen renovations.
- The Waterfront kitchen had the fire suppression system replaced as well as the overhead vent system repaired.
- The RHYC fire suppression system in the kitchen was replaced as well.
- Cayuga docks have seen some structural work done in the spring time, as well as fender boards installed in some slips.

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By Kathy and Leo

In fleet racing, as a general statement, we are not known as a “whistle sport” – that is we do not have judges on the water calling right-of-way infractions. The sport of sailing is a self-policing sport, built on the principles of sportsmanship and fair play. In fact, this is explicitly stated in the Basic Principle (Sportsmanship and the Rules) found at the front of the rule book just before the fundamental rules.

### **Sportsmanship and the Rules**

Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of rules that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty, which may be to retire.

The first sentence of the Basic Principle is a truly unique concept in sport – no referees needed on our playing field – the players are not only expected to follow the rules, they are also expected to enforce them! This suggests that

in addition to having read the rules, sailors need to have at least a basic understanding of the rules and how they work in practice. One of the fundamental rules of sailing is rule 3 which says: “By participating in a race that is conducted under these racing rules, each competitor and boat owner agrees to be governed by the rules.” Competitors, when they enter a race or a series and complete the entry form, agree to be bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing and by all other rules that govern this event.” Ignorance may be the reason a rule is broken but cannot be used an excuse.

The second sentence of the Basic Principle is also very unique compared to most other sports. You should not wait to be told to take a penalty by another sailor or an official. If you break a rule, you will take your penalty promptly. It is the sportsmanlike thing to do. If you cause injury, serious damage or gain a significant advantage, then the appropriate penalty is to retire. Even if you realize ashore that you have broken a rule, you can still retire after finishing. This is not a difficult thing to understand. There are many stories of very successful sailors doing exactly that but the one that stands out in our minds is a very young sailor competing in the Opti Green fleet retiring from the first race he had ever won, once he came to understand he hadn't sailed the course properly. (If an eight-year-old can understand sportsmanship, then we all should be able to.)

Since competitors are expected to enforce the rules, therefore it follows that protesting is an integral part of sailing. At a recent world championship in Europe, there was an incident at the starting mark just prior to the start of the race. After some loud conversation, one boat did hail protest and displayed a red flag – all in full view of the jury boat. But later, when no protest was delivered, other competitors complained that the culprit got away with an infraction and the jury did nothing about it. Here is the judges' view: unless directed by the organizing authority, or specifically directed by the class, it is not the judges' role to proactively enforce the rules! Judges may and often will protest a boat when witnessing a serious infraction that no other competitor could have seen or an incident involving fair sailing or gross misconduct. However, when it is clear that other boats were either involved in the incident or witnessed the infraction, yet did nothing about it, the conclusion reached by the judges is the involved or witnessing boats chose not to exercise their right to protest. The irony is in this incident there were a number of credible and impartial witnesses on the jury boat that could have been called upon to give evidence. *(continued on page 12)*

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Ontario Sailing's First Annual Golf Classic Celebrating 40 Years of Ontario Sailing in support of The Hans Fogh Fund



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Wednesday September 15, 2010  
Piper's Heath Golf Course Milton, Ontario

### THREE WAYS FOR YOU TO GET INVOLVED

#### ✓ Put Together a Foursome and Enjoy a Game of Golf

The fee for each foursome is \$800 and includes 18 holes of golf, registration bag, golf cart BBQ lunch and buffet dinner.

Buy a Special Passport for an additional \$30 and get two mulligans and a raffle ticket.

#### ✓ Become a Sponsor

##### Star Sponsor - \$2,500

Secondary logo placement on all printed and electronic materials as well as mention in articles regarding the Golf Classic on OntarioSailing.ca ; Complimentary golf for two in the Golf Classic; Signage recognition at the event; Ability to add items and/or literature to loot bags given out to attendees; and Recognition as a Silver Level sponsor on OntarioSailing.ca

##### Hole Sponsor - \$250

Your own signage at sponsored hole/tee; and an opportunity to donate to loot bags.

#### ✓ Donate a Product or Service to the Silent Auction

For more information on our golf tournament and/or Ontario Sailing and the Hans Fogh Fund, please contact Kathy Chamoun, Program Assistant - Ontario Sailing Telephone: 1-888-672-7245 X 227

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## CRUISE to Etobicoke YC



Join your fellow RHYC members at the bridge at 10am

Bring your own beverages and BBQ item with a salad or dessert for the potluck @ 5:30pm on the EYC lawn!

Sign up by the office

Sept 4th / 5th



Royal Canadian Naval/ Maritime Command 100th Anniversary - Trivia

### Naval Skill testing Question:

Last month's Naval Custom skill testing question was:

Since we are talking about toasts, the Loyal toast is always followed by a "Toast of the Day". Can you match the toasts with the correct days of the week. Bonus question, who gives the "Toast of the Day".

The correct answers are:

Sunday	To "absent friends"
Monday	To "our ships at sea"
Tuesday	To "our men (and women in today's service)"
Wednesday	To "ourselves"
Thursday	To "a bloody war and sickly season"
Friday	To "a willing foe and plenty of sea room"
Saturday	To "wives and sweethearts" (may they never meet)

Bonus question answer: It is customary that the "Toast of the Day" be given by the most junior officer present at the mess dinner. In preparing for the toast, it is expected that the designated junior officer provide a "story" of relevance of the toast before declaring the toast to the assembled mess dinner members.

### This month's Naval Skill testing question is:

In many ways, naval phrases have become common in everyday language. Can you think of the origin of the following phrases/words:

1. "Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey"
2. "Son of a Gun"
3. "Heads"
4. "Eight Bells"
5. "Splice the Main Brace"
6. "Between the Devil and the Deep Sea"

## 2010 RHYC Swag

Greetings fellow members,

This year your Marketing Committee is doing something a little different as it pertains to our Haberdashery. The Marketing committee has selected 8 new styles of Golf Shirts, vests and Jackets. Try them on, take a look and place your order and receive your product within 10 days. Order forms and samples available at the club.

### NEW THIS YEAR

Order 6 pieces of any new club regalia style and have your boat name added for FREE. Ask a member of the Marketing Committee for details..

This new way of handling the club clothing is a trial. It reduces the need for copious amounts of Inventory and allows you to customize the final product. Visiting vessels will be able to purchase on-hand samples and they will be replaced on re-ordering.

Enjoy the 2010 Selections

Your Marketing Committee

### NEW ONLINE WEBSTORE

Visit our new webstore on the new RHYC Website at [www.rhyc.ca](http://www.rhyc.ca) for more colours and a new sizing chart. Order forms will also be available at the website.





*The RHYC hosted the Canadian Shark Championship in July. The winds were high and the competition was fierce, resulting in busted fiberglass even. Here the Sharks are flying upwind, with Jeremy Crowder, regatta organizer, pushing his crew on Freak on a Leash to come in at a close 4th place overall.*

## Dispatches *(continued on page 9)*

And lastly are the competitors that complain about repeat offenders. You know who we mean – boats that regularly barge at the start, sail in the starting area when it's not their turn, push their luck sailing on port tack, reach down on a leeward boat to avoid being OCS, etc. These boats will continue to bully their way around the course because no one calls them on it. And yes, we have heard all of the reasons competitors cite for not protesting – he's my friend; protests take too long; I don't like to protest; and a dozen other reasons. But, by not enforcing the rules by protesting, you get the game you want and maybe deserve.

## From the office *(continued from page 8)*

- Chippewa dock had fender boards installed on the outer slip to allow for 2 boats to be moored there for the season.
- The old cement anchors outside the fence by Cayuga were removed by the city, making the area around the crane more tidy.
- The JONAS accounting software was updated allowing for more efficient use of staff time as well as a complete cleanup of the membership database and physical filing system.
- The offices were cleaned up and painted.
- The computer station used by the wait staff was moved to the bar area to be more efficient.
- The club installed new portable debit/Credit Card machines at the bar and the office.
- New coffee machines at the bar and for functions.
- The club entertained a movie shoot which brought in \$4,000 and, while on site, they filled in several pot holes in the parking lot for us.
- There are now several new suppliers for dry goods, chemical and cleaning supplies, and food products.

As we go forward, the priority is to review all costs associated with running the RHYC and to make changes accordingly.

We have been successful in lowering the accounts receivable substantially, doing more repairs with in house staff and cutting out outside contractors when possible. The membership base is strong this year, and the Harbour sees only one slip left to sell. Hopefully we will have a wait list next year!

More improvements are to come to both the clubhouse and grounds over the next few months using both volunteers and staff.

The Board and Bridge have begun working on the 2011 budget. The first kick at the can will be the beginning of September where the Board and Bridge will get together to discuss 2011 plans for the next several years including capital projects the club will undertake in the future.

It is a great time to be a member at the RHYC.

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General Manager

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