



# NEW HORIZONS

THE ROYAL HAMILTON YACHT CLUB (ESTABLISHED 1888) INC.



December 2009 - January 2010

## Commodore's Message

On behalf of the Bridge, Board and all the members of the RHYC, I would like to express my sincere condolences to Janet, Robert, Jamie and Susan for the loss of their dear husband and father, Bob Thompson.

I have known Bob for all my 51 years as a member of the RHYC. As a junior, and even later in my own racing career, I was always impressed with Bob's ability to read the wind on our Bay. Even back in the late 50's and early 60's, Bob was a perennial winner in his Crusader Class yacht Flight. He continued to win up until he stopped sailing about ten years ago. Flight was the same boat that Bob's father built for him as a young man and he sailed her his entire life.

Bob was Commodore of our club in 1986 and 1987, the same years that I served as President. These were very tough years for our club, but Bob was a constant source of guidance, support and leadership for me as well as all our members. We all owe a great deal of gratitude for Bob's help and support during these early days of the "new" club.

Bob, you will be remembered as a competitor, organizer, family man, and most important, as a friend to many of us. You will be missed.

The Bridge has been extremely busy with budgets, meetings and general organization. I am sorry to report that Brad Anderson, VC of Power Boat and Sail Training, had to submit his resignation to the Bridge due to business matters. We thank him for his last year as VC. In his place, D'Arcy Wilson has agreed to take over as VC Powerboat and Sail Training. D'Arcy's aim is to continue to build on our sailing schools strengths, and make it the envy of every other yacht club. I know D'Arcy is looking for help on the sailing committee. Please give D'Arcy a call if you can help out.

As we enter the holiday season, our VC of social, Wendy, has many great things planned. There are concerts, decorating events, kids Christmas parties, and of course New Year Eve and the New Years Day Levee at the Club. Please come out and enjoy your club. It is the place to be this winter.

George Tinsley, our VC Yachting, has also been busy getting regatta schedules ready for next year and making improvement to our club racing.

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**FROM THE MANAGER AND STAFF OF RHYC THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE AND SUPPORT WE WISH YOU AND YOURS A SAFE AND JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON AND BEST TIDINGS FOR A WONDERFUL 2010!**



Richard Herrington celebrates at last month's Awards Night Banquet with his Empty Slip trophy. Why pay so much for an empty slip? Because you can win this trophy!

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS – December 2009 and January 2010

### December

The Social Committee's Pub Nights offer a different theme every Thursday night. We had a very successful Reggae night and 2 tables of Euchre players for Cards Night. Events in December include:

- December 3, 2009: TRIVIA QUIZ and BOARD GAMES  
December 10, 2009: EUCHRE NIGHT Non-Perishable Food Item Donation for Food Bank  
December 17, 2009: THEME NIGHT – CHRISTMAS Player Piano & Carols, Finger Food - \$10.00 per person

The CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held on December 12, 2009 at 10:00am. Santa will be in attendance with his helpers. Please sign up your child at the club or e-mail Wendy Johncox at [wendyjohncox@hotmail.ca](mailto:wendyjohncox@hotmail.ca) so we have an idea of numbers. A donation from the adults towards lunch would be appreciated.

New Year's Eve will be lots of fun. We have arranged for the Phil Whiting seven-piece band to play for us. This will be a very popular event with fantastic music, food, champagne and noisemakers for only \$50.00 per person. Please call or e-mail Wally Vaters to reserve.

### January

January 1st, 2010: Pot Luck Lunch provided by our members on New Year's Day!!! The bar will be open for hangover specials.

The Club will then be closed until January 21, 2010.

The following events will take place during the remaining Thursday Pub Nights in January:

- January 21, 2010: THEME NIGHT – ITALIAN – Food, Drink and Music  
January 28, 2010: EUCHRE NIGHT – Food Bank Donation

Robbie Burns Night will be held on January 23, 2009 and will be dedicated to Gwen Myatt our longstanding member who loved this event and organized it for years. Gwen passed away this fall.

### Winter 2010

The Social Committee will review the success of our Pub Nights and other events. Please let us know what is or is not working, and give us suggestions for future fun times.

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**Tessa Ryan-Lipp** and husband Martin planned a “trip of a lifetime” to Europe in 2006. Their special destination was to see the war graves in Holland.

They flew to Frankfurt where they picked up a new car for their month long tour. Their first stop was Poland, visiting Martin’s country of birth. From Krakow they visited both Auschwitz and the salt mines, which go down more than 3 km. Their tour, beautifully illustrated with pictures, continued on to Berlin and the Brandenburg Gate, the Baltic - where recycled rebar is used for anchors on the fishing boats, Copenhagen, Bremen, the car ferry to Bruges, Ypres - where they saw the trenches of death defended by the Belgians, and Flanders rebuilt. Tessa and Martin were amazed at the number of graves in France at Caen, Brest, and Vimy Ridge and the impressive Canadian National Vimy Memorial dedicated to the Canadian soldiers killed during the First World War.

As well as sharing their trip of a lifetime we got hints about car rentals in Europe and the best place recommended to buy walking shoes.

**Roly Salvas**, a civil and mining engineer and former professor of 37 years at Ryerson University, spoke to us in 2008 about the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald in Lake Superior.

This time he decided to tackle the mystery of Oak Island, which he called the most expensive treasure hunt in history. Located in Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia, the treasure hunt began in 1795 with three boys digging a 30ft deep hole. They were looking for buried treasure possibly hidden on Oak Island.

Since 1795, there have been numerous attempts to find buried treasure and many items have claimed to have been found such as coins, pottery, etc. None of these items have ever been seen. A search as late as 1976 did find radioactive carbon that was dated to 1720, all sorts of equipment has been used in this hunt. Famous people as well as cranks, astrologers, psychics and amateur treasure hunters have all searched for the treasure. Roly discussed about the tunnels that let ocean water into the 30ft shaft, the lack of evidence to support the many claims, and the possibility that the carbon dated wood in the shaft came from trees that had fallen into a natural sink hole over the course of many years. Much discussion followed the presentation.

#### Coming Speakers -

- Dec. 3 – Therese Charbonneau “Restoration of the Birks Clock”
- Dec. 17– Shellbacks Christmas Luncheon with Ryan Scott and Jack Packer
- Jan. 21 – Bob Williamson “Humour in Uniform”



Our illustrious Manager helps Iain Wilson and Ian Hill display the Larry MacDonald Sr Award for their ‘greatest achievement in National, International, or Olympic events’. Well done!

## Looking for great holiday gifts for friends and family?

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The Club has a number of stocking stuffers, apparel and neat ideas at great blow out prices!!!!

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Starting at 10:00 am!



### It’s that time again!

## Holiday Events are magical at RHYC!

Planning a family occasion or office get-together event around the holidays? Contact us for information on special seasonal menu packages suited to your needs.

Key dates are going fast- so call Wally or check out our Holiday Catering Guide on-line at [www.rhyc.ca](http://www.rhyc.ca)!



## Message From The President

Hello fellow members,

I'd like to take this opportunity to say a warm hello to our new members and thank everyone who worked hard to make this season enjoyable and productive. Did you know that our members contribute approximately 20,000 volunteer hours a year to make this club and its activities a reality? I can attest to the amount of work required given this first year as President. When I see the amount of time and effort that comes from your Board, Bridge and Club committees, it is a tremendous testament to the calibre of the Club (of which we are all a part). Remember the best way to learn about the Club, enjoy its benefits and meet the members is through getting involved. It can be a lot of fun and 'many hands make light work,' you can be guaranteed we have a place that will appreciate your talents.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Rodger Metcalfe sincerely for his commitment to this club and all the hard work he has contributed during his tenure as our Commodore. Russ Perry is our incoming Commodore; please join me in giving him a warm welcome. I would also like to mention that we have a few changes in the Board, so I'd like to take this opportunity to thank George Armour for his contributions and welcome Christine Green and Robin Perry as new Directors to your Board. We had a busy and successful sailing season with many well-attended Regatta's in addition to our fundraising events and regular weekly race nights. At the start of the summer, there were some concerns around the failing economy and its potential negative impact on our membership and financial health.

Some clubs around the lake have had serious declines and, while some activities did realize a drop this year, I am pleased to state

that we have retained our membership levels (both the number of members and revenues) while making our overall budget to-date. Our financial improvement year-over-year can be attributed to focus in fiscal management and day-to-day spending activities.

You may recall in June, I wrote an article to share some of the work going on behind the scenes at the Club. We had conducted our Strategic Planning by bringing the team together to chart a course for the future of the Club. Building the vision was perhaps the most challenging task and this was accomplished along with a set of draft statements on which we could build both a long-term plan and a roadmap of how to get there.

### RHYC Vision

**RHYC will be a vibrant waterfront club that attracts local and national recognition for its excellence in sailing, boating education and development of community youth. We will be known as a club whose pride of membership lies in its attitude towards inclusiveness, volunteerism, learning, families, respect for the environment and contribution to the waterfront and fabric of our neighbourhood. We aspire to be the waterfront centre of excellence in Hamilton.**

### RHYC Mission

**The Mission of the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club is to promote and perpetuate the activity of boating, the social enjoyment of its members and to provide a positive benefit to our neighbourhood and the people of Hamilton.**

We expected our planning work to slow down over the summer for two reasons: 1) We like to get out of the meeting room and enjoy our summer on the water; 2) We were told by the City, meetings would begin to build future plans for the waterfront including details for our lease negotiations. *(continued on page 11)*

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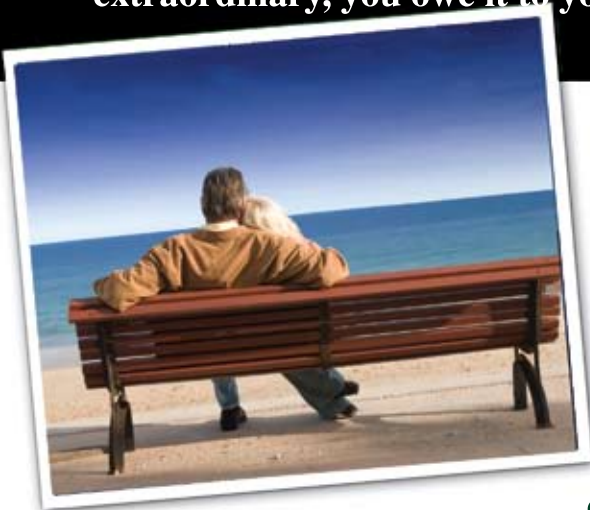
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## Flotsam and Jetsam

General Manager's Message - December 2009

Fond greetings and happy holidays to all!

The end of November marked the end of the membership year and our fiscal year end. I am pleased to report that the Club is in good shape at this stage. We ended our fiscal year on a much improved and higher note than in 2008. This is in large part due to more prudent spending and continued efficiencies in overall resource use; my thanks to staff and management for their efforts in this turnaround year.

Membership renewals are coming along nicely as we begin a new year of great events, regattas and fellowship. Please be certain your member fees are paid in a timely fashion and make any payment arrangements with the office to ensure your member status is maintained and services do not become disrupted. Our roster will be produced in January to be more timely and effective all through the upcoming year. Your inclusion will hinge on your attention to renewal and ensuring your information is all updated.

Club and member event attendees, as well as many of our corporate clients will be enjoying the beautifully decorated surroundings of the Club over the next few weeks to celebrate the holidays. Many things are planned thanks to our Social Committee and staff, including: December 5th, we welcome back guitarist Kaz Simaitis for a special dinner event; the annual Children's Party happens on the 12th; fun sing along day and evening event on the 17th; and a family holiday brunch on December the 20th. Be sure to come out for these great events. And don't forget about New Year's Eve! We'll have a wonderful 7-piece band, a great dinner buffet with Prime Rib – another great event at an affordable price. Reserve early!

A reminder that the Club will be closing for a period over the holidays and then a full dining shut down starting January 2nd to accommodate the renovation and repair work outlined at the Election meeting. The main Members' lounge transformation will be revealed on reopening January 21st!

By now, you'll have heard that I have tendered my resignation to the Club, with my last day being December 31st. I would like to say thanks to all of you who've sent e-mails, telephoned me or popped in to offer me your best wishes as we move forward. My decision was not an easy one and harder still by so many of your kind and touching thoughts on my announcement. The timing for selecting a new General Manager is a good one for both the Club and me; given the time of year we have the ability to smoothly acquaint someone with the operations.

Upon reflection, I have spent many enjoyable occasions, celebrated many milestones and achievements with a group of dedicated staff, tireless volunteers and a very warm and supportive membership, to whom I'll be ever thankful for getting to know and work with. Key areas included: a new Club Management software system, which has provided improved financial reporting and accounting; recruitment and retention of key support personnel; improved

member communications and connectivity; increased and improved social activities; general revenue growth; and increased membership.

This is a wonderful club made better by wonderful people. Always keep this in mind as the RHYC moves forward to start a new chapter. My desire from the very first day at the RHYC was to ensure that I did everything I could to impact the Club positively and leave behind a stronger club because of my input. I am satisfied that I have done this with your blessing and assistance.

My best to you all, now and always,

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## NOMINATIONS REQUESTED

We would like to introduce a 'member recognition' process. We all know our greatest asset at RHYC is our membership and we want you to tell us about them. We are asking you to think of a member of this yacht club that you would like to nominate for a special 'member profile' in our New Horizons newsletter. We want great stories about them as people: something that introduces them to the membership, but also represents their life outside the Club. They must agree to this nomination as well as the content you intend to submit. Our first publication will be in February, so there is a lot of time to think about this.

Here is how to nominate:

1. Send an email or letter to myself at [suelower@sympatico.ca](mailto:suelower@sympatico.ca) or to the Club "Attention: Susan Lower-Vens";
  - a. This letter must contain the name of the member; how you came to know them; why you feel they are so interesting and worthy of this nomination; an introduction of them as an RHYC member and an interesting story about who they are.
2. All nominations must be received by Friday, noon of the first week of the month (for example, for February Horizons, I need to receive your nomination by January 8th 2010);
3. The M&M Committee will review the nominations and select a profile;
4. The M&M Committee will contact the member and confirm they have been selected, assure they approve of the nomination and of the story content;
5. We will publish the profile in the next New Horizons newsletter.

Thank you for your support.

Susan Lower-Vens  
Chair Marketing & Membership Committee

## Annual RHYC Family Holiday Brunch

Sunday, December 20th starting at 11:00am

Gather friends and loved ones and join us for a wonderful brunch buffet of festive favourites and house specialties all beautifully displayed!  
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Recognizing the amazing Race Committee: Al Rutherford, Shelley Vaughan, Stephannie Farrell, Ann Hynd, Joyce Webb and Dot Blandford. Missing: Bill Cheek.



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A special evening  
*Gift of Holiday Magic*

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**Kaz Simaitis**

Saturday, December 5th at RHYC at 1900hrs

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

Our pool will be in great hands with Chris McCormack next year. Again Chris is looking for volunteers to form a committee to look at better ways we can use our pool next year. If you're interested please call Chris. I know he will appreciate it.

Colin has been one of the busiest people at our club lately, getting ready for winter but also working very hard with the rest of the committee on the waterfront trail issues.

My hat goes of to everyone and all the hard work that goes on, many times behind the scenes, on our behalf. Please get involved. We have a great club, and can only get better with your help!

On behalf of my family I would like to wish you and yours all our best wishes at Christmas and a happy prosperous New Year. See you at the Club!

Russ Perry  
Commodore RHYC

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## Dispatches from the Jury Boat

By Kathy and Leo

To coincide with the Olympic cycle, the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) produces a revised rule book every four years. The current rules have been in effect since 1 January this year. However, ISAF may make changes to the rules at any time during the four year cycle when it determines a change or changes to be urgent. And this is just what happened at ISAF's recent annual meeting. Effective 1 January 2010, some rules and definitions will be changed. For the most part, the way we play our game will not change.

Quoting from the ISAF web site, "Rule 18.2(c) will be changed to prohibit a newly discovered and potentially dangerous tactic that was an unintended consequence of the current wording of this rule. The revised rule will no longer permit a boat to tack just before she reaches a mark and, as a result of her tack, become entitled to mark-room from boats that had been clear ahead of her when they reached the zone. A parallel change in rule B3.1(c) outlaws a similar tactic in a sailboard race." This particular tactic was seen primarily in team racing and should not change how we round marks in fleet racing.

Also, from the web site, "The definition Obstruction will be changed so that a boat racing will no longer be an obstruction to other boats that are required to give her room or mark-room. This change will simplify the analysis of some situations near a mark in which both rules 18 and 19 apply, and it will not otherwise change the game.

"Additions will be made to the definition Party to correct unintended omissions. The revised definition will mean that, whenever redress is requested for a boat by the race committee or considered for a boat by the protest committee, that boat will be a party to the resulting hearing. Also, a race committee that requests redress for a boat will also become a party when its request is heard.

"After the 2009 rulebook was printed, ISAF revised its Advertising Code and, in so doing, eliminated all references to Category A advertising. References to the Advertising Code in Appendices J, K and L will be changed to make them consistent with the revised Code."

All in all, there is nothing earth-shattering in these changes. You can view them at <http://www.sailing.org/rrs/supplement1>. For those of you who are involved with writing notices of race or sailing instructions, you can see the recommended wording at the same link.

## SPECIAL NOTE:

The Dining Room and Bar will be closed starting January 2nd and will reopen on Thursday, January 21st to accommodate renovations and repair work at the Club.



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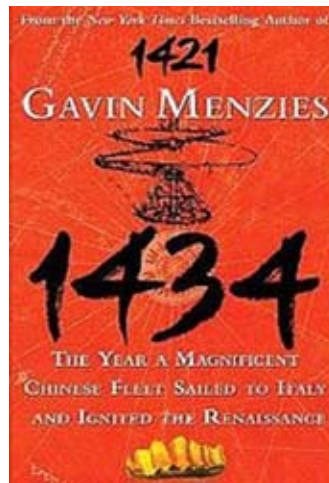
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## BOOK REVIEW

**1434: The Year a Magnificent Chinese Fleet Sailed to Italy and Ignited the Renaissance**, by Gavin Menzies,  
HarperCollins Publisher, New York, 2009

Since Gavin Menzies' release of the original 1421: The Year China Discovered the World, controversy has been building. Both criticism and support has poured in from historians, museums and libraries around the world. The internet has made the amount and speed of information unprecedented. So much new evidence has accumulated that Menzies is at it again, this time postulating that a Chinese fleet sailed to Venice in 1434 and met with merchants, mathematicians and the Pope, for the purpose of trading. The Venetians acquired knowledge: in particular, world maps, "ephemeris" tables (sun, moon and star navigation tables) and machinery designs. At that time, Chinese math and astronomy were very advanced. Menzies explains, in detail, three Chinese methods of finding latitude and longitude 300 years before Europeans had otherwise resolved the issue with a timepiece. Menzies presents evidence that the great European map-makers and mathematicians digested this knowledge and copied it. He explains why the knowledge was valuable, why it was kept secret, and who had access to it. He links these navigational tools to Magellan, Columbus, and Dias, and in the process, debunking the theories that theirs were voyages of "discovery". Menzies further presents evidence that the great inventions of the Renaissance (such as canal locks) were actually copies of Chinese inventions. And, finally, improving on the theories postulated in 1421 concerning the demise of the great Chinese fleets and its records, he presents evidence for a cataclysmic disaster. (I will not spoil it for you.) Although difficult to read in places, as any technical book can be, its impact on history is absolutely stunning.

Editor's Note: Having been informed that this book has stirred controversy – or at the very least some lively debate – among Club members, I encourage those of you with comments, to send me a Letter to the Editor at [info@sonyadelaatphotography.com](mailto:info@sonyadelaatphotography.com).



## Children's Holiday Party with Santa!

*Come share in the fun and festivity as Santa visits RHYC!  
Saturday, December 12th starting at 10:00am*

We'll have crafts and activities, cookie decorating and of course photos with Old St Nick himself!

Special buffet available for the kids and parents can make a small donation to enjoy as well.



## New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance

December 31, 2009

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## Message From The President *(continued from page 4)*

During the recent Elections Meeting, Martin Lipp provided an update: it is important to reiterate that while your Club representatives have worked very hard to push for progress, the City process has been lagging in its own deadlines. We have been assured by the City that RHYC will have a place in the future of Hamilton's waterfront, but have not been able to secure any specific commitments at this point. We are hopeful that their December 2009 deadline will get the ball rolling. It is important to understand that the Board and Bridge, as your leadership teams, cannot build detailed plans until we know where we stand with the City and our waterfront partners. We have continued to keep you advised on any progress and upcoming public forums, but we encourage you to voice your position and hold your elected officials accountable to our interests.

Meanwhile our focus has been to get our own house in order. As mentioned earlier we have placed a heavy focus on financial improvements as well as the quality of the Club facilities and services. Your Planning & Facilities Committee has been working in the background to implement our first phase of leasehold improvements. The renovations for the new member lounge area will begin during our seasonal shutdown in January. Chris Grabiec, your Board VP and lead of the Planning & Facilities Committee, will report more on this area in a separate article.

In the Membership Survey Susan Lower-Vens' Committee conducted last year, you told us we need to provide improvements in the Food and Beverage service area. As a result, we implemented a Food & Beverage Quality Program to provide focus and build improvements in the menus, service experience and overall food quality. As part of this program, we have set up two channels for you to provide feedback to our staff – you can complete the survey forms (located at the end of the bar) where you place your confidential feedback in the box at the end of the bar. You can also go on-line to the Members Only area of our web site ([www.rhyc.ca](http://www.rhyc.ca)) and complete a survey. Leaders from your Marketing & Membership Committee, Clarke Perry and Susan Lower-Vens, are the only people with access to these details and they are working with the General Manager and staff at RHYC to develop an ongoing quality improvement process using this feedback. The RHYC staff has made initial improvements and you will hear more about this progress in the upcoming annual Membership Appreciation Event in March 2010.

More recently, the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada, and His Excellency Jean-Daniel Lafond invited me to attend the official dinner at Rideau Hall in honour of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall held on Wednesday, November 11th, 2009. When the opportunity presented itself, I introduced myself to Prince Charles as President of the Board of Directors of the RHYC and he immediately responded by apologizing for not visiting the Club. He then inquired how the Club was doing under the present economic situation. I reported that we had feared the worst earlier in the year however, at this time, our membership numbers were up from last year. He also asked about my yachting activities, which followed with a short discussion about sailing in

Hamilton Harbour and Lake Ontario. I was also privileged to be able to introduce myself to our Governor General Michaëlle Jean and had a short discussion with her as well. I thanked her for the gracious invitation extended to me and praised her on her great work as the Governor General of Canada. Earlier in the day I also attended the Remembrance Day ceremonies at Confederation Square. It was a very moving experience. Prince Charles is our royal patron and so it was a great honour and privilege to represent our Club at this memorable event.



His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales expressed regret at not having been able to visit RHYC on his recent visit to Hamilton with the Duchess of Cornwall.

Our Club's General Manager, Wally Vaters has tendered his resignation and will complete his duties as of December 31st. Wally will be around for the next month as we proceed through our transitional period. At this point the Executive of the Board has established a Transition Committee and a Recruitment Committee. The Recruitment Committee met with the Board and Bridge on Saturday, November 21st, 2009 to determine what members are looking for in a new General Manager at the RHYC. We wish Wally the very best as he pursues a new avenue in his life. We offer him our recommendation and our support as he moves on. Transitions can be both challenging and exciting; however, we are committed to being future-oriented and will do everything that we can to make this transition both smooth and positive.

I wish you and your families a safe and happy winter season.

Len Verhey

## **NEW YEAR'S DAY LEVEE & POT LUCK!**

Re-gain your bearings and join friends and fellow members to celebrate 2010! Although the kitchen is closed, the bar is open and members bring their favourite snacks, entrees, desserts and more to share with others.

A great tradition- a great time had by all!

**Noon- 6pm January 1, 2010!**

## Meet the new Vice Commodore of Pool and Grounds: **Chris McCormack**

I'm pleased to have been elected as the VC of Pool and Grounds. It is my intention to ensure that the pool continues to operate safely and economically for the next two years. The garden gnomes will, I hope, continue to do their excellent work in making the Club's grounds attractive and well maintained. Ted Hoyle has agreed to act as my technical back-up on all things plumbing for the pool, as my background is in the automotive parts industry. My family owns a boat that is kept on Lake Erie, however, I spend the majority of my time sailing and racing on the Bay with Rodger Metcalfe and others.

If you have any questions, suggestions or would like to be a P&G volunteer please contact me through the Club Office.

Chris McCormack  
VC Pools & Grounds



## ANNUAL RHYC TRIBUTE TO ROBBIE BURNS

*"But, if ye wish her grateful prayer,  
Gie her a Haggis!"*

**Saturday, January 23rd, 2010**

Cocktail Gathering at Six PM  
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With Piper- Commodore Jim Moffatt  
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*"...And I will luvve thee still, my dear,  
While the sands o life shall run..."*



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