



# NEW HORIZONS

THE ROYAL HAMILTON YACHT CLUB (ESTABLISHED 1888) INC.



February 2012

## Commodore's Report

When you read this, our club will have reopened after our annual couple of weeks shut down and renovations. As you enter, the whole lobby has been redone. It is spectacular! The cloak room has a new laminate floor. The men's washrooms and showers have all been repainted and cleaned up. We have thoroughly cleaned and repainted the kitchen, the lectern, and the serving station. There is a new laminate floor next to the Commodore's room. Finally, our trophy case has been re-stained with a smoked-mirror background to match the bar. It is now the centrepiece of our club and its history. Special thanks to all the volunteers who came down and helped, and to Christine Green for her vision and organization.

Please come down and see these many wonderful changes. The club looks wonderful. It has not looked this good in years.

As mentioned last month, special mention has to go to all those who helped on the Mobility Cup. Through this event we've been able to purchase new docks and accessible doors that further support our Able Sail program. I am pleased to announce that the event not only won the OSA Regatta of the Year but also the CYA Regatta of the Year. Special thanks and congratulation to Laurel Thompson and Don Green for an outstanding job and all our fabulous volunteers that make the RHYC the best on the lake!

The Bridge will have many new faces for 2012. I am very excited to be working with a great Bridge for 2012. Tom Dunmore, VC Docks and Boats will be working hard to increase the docks available and be looking at expanding our winter and summer boat storage. Dave Harrington, VC Yachting, has some wonderful ideas to improve club and interclub racing with some major sponsors willing to get on board. Lara Alves, VC Social, has been amazing at looking for many new things to keep our members busy and attract new members to our club. There is something for everyone! Bonnie McAuley, VC Sail Training, is well into the planning of another great year of sail training. Brenda Draper, VC Pool and Grounds, is anxious to get going on her wonderful plans for the coming year. Please congratulate these folks when you next see them, and PLEASE offer to be part of the many committees' we need to run our club.

Our new General Manager, Michael Temperley, has some new exciting items on the menu and some great initiatives to improve our food and beverage operations. I look forward to seeing you all around the RHYC....summer is not that far away!

Russ Perry  
Commodore

## **Mobility Cup awarded Regatta of the Year for 2011 by the Canadian Yachting Association**



We have received notifications that the Rotary Mobility Cup 2011 was named Regatta of the Year by the Canadian Yachting Association and OS Regatta of the Year Award by Ontario Sailing. Now we wait to hear from Tourism Hamilton about one more award. See page 4 for further details. *(Click on play button for Mobility Cup Video on YouTube.)*



RHYC Star sailors at Coral Reef YC compete in the Levin Memorial Cup. Jan. 14 -15. Larry Scott & Michael Hicks 13th in 21 boats. Jerry Wendt & Keven Piper placed 14th. And what are you doing this winter? Keep in touch with RHYC FB!  
- Colin Jacobs

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## RHYC Bridge Members

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## DR JOHN DEADMAN: "BATTLE, MURDER AND SUDDEN DEATH"

Dr. John Deadman, our November 3rd Shellbacks presenter, is writing a biography of his father Dr. James who is not only famous in the history of pathology in Canada, but is equally famous and more well known in Hamilton's criminal court annals. John is Associate Medical Professor of Psychiatry at McMaster University and his talk was about his father's life and times.

Dr James Deadman was born in 1885 and grew up near Alliston, Ontario. As a young man, he taught school so he could afford to attend university and acquire a degree in medicine. He graduated in 1913 and worked in the lab at Hamilton General Hospital. When the First World War started in 1914 he enlisted with the 5th Field Ambulance, was transferred to the Royal Army Medical Corps and worked in the medical labs involved in the treatment of battle casualties in North Africa, Bulgaria and Gallipoli. In 1919 he returned to the Hamilton General just in time for the Spanish Flu epidemic. He became the pathologist for Hamilton and did autopsies and presented evidence in criminal cases. Forensics was not a recognized specialty in those days. James set up training programs for lab technology and founded the Society for Medical Technology. James was involved in medical research and published papers on Sudden Death Syndrome. His most famous case as a forensic pathologist was the murder of John Dick whose torso was found at Albion Falls. The case drew headlines across North America and James suddenly became famous. CNN would have had a field day with this one: Deadman was the pathologist's name, Lazier and Lazier was the name of a law firm involved in the case.

One of the surprising aspects of James Deadman's era was his local connection to other well known Canadian medical people. James' grandfather bought the family farm from William Banting of Alliston. William's son Fredrick Banting was the discoverer of insulin, and was a close friend of James. Another friend, William Ostler was born five miles from James' birthplace. William went on to help found the renowned medical school at Johns Hopkins University. It's a small world!

Dr. John's presentation was of great interest to the many Hamiltonians who remember the John Dick murder case. He is justifiably proud of his father's accomplishments, and his desire to write his biography is a labour of love. In 2008, she was one of 7 people to

## CANADA COAST TO COAST FROM THE SEAT OF A BICYCLE

Barbara Loughland in her late seventies can make younger couch potatoes feel very uncomfortable with their indolent life style. She is a very energetic, inspiring and lively speaker with this message: get up and tackle challenges, you are not a failure if you don't succeed, you are a winner if you tried! Barbara has an astounding resume. Some of her lifetime accomplishments: former Ontario junior diving champion, 50 years active member of Binbrook Little Theatre, 40 years volunteer at Henderson Hospital, completed

Women's Sprint Marathon at age 70. In 2008, she was one of 7 people to volunteer for 10 days to work on a church in Guatemala. Her November 17 Shellbacks presentation describes her experiences cycling across Canada at the age of 59.

It all started in 1991 when Barbara read a Spectator article about a 10 week cross-Canada bicycle tour on Canada's 125th birthday. She told her husband she wanted to try it. Her husband made the mistake of saying "you'll never make it". That was all she needed! Barbara was a good athlete and this was a challenge she couldn't refuse. With the purchase of a touring bike equipped with mountain gear and tires, and one way airline tickets to Vancouver and a one way return from St Johns, she was on her way. There were 46 participants: 27 men and 14 women. A truck carrying their clothes and equipment accompanied them. Mostly they camped overnight with an occasional motel stay. They averaged 130km/day, often through cold wet weather and rough terrain. Much of the time Barbara had a sore back and of course riding a bike all day gives one a sore behind. She joked that she had to use Ben Gay liniment for her back and Vaseline for her behind and she'd better not reverse the treatment.

Barbara didn't downplay the hardships, but her many humorous comments were greatly enjoyed by her audience. She admitted that her husband and children worried about her during the trip. A highlight of her trip was meeting with her family at Tobermory. She told us that the journey had cured her addiction to fresh air and exercise. This doesn't explain her Women's Sprint Marathon at age 70. In 2008, Barbara's husband had a slight stroke curtailing further adventures. We can be sure Barbara's strong faith and positive approach (as evident in her talk) will help her family cope.

Coming speakers in 2012 –

- February 2 – Bob Williamson "Adelaid Slept Here"
- February 16 – Henk and Vicki Wondergem "Arctic Adventure"
- March 1 – Russ Perry -"Want to Sail to Bermuda With Me?"
- Mar. 15 – John Unsworth – "A visit to Bali and John's Rainbow update"

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## **Rotary Mobility Cup receives prestigious awards from Ontario Sailing and Canadian Yachting Association.**



Photo by Murray Thompson (l-r) Bob Wercholz & Laurel Thompson, co-chairs, Jim Casey from BS&BS and Honorary Chair Don Green.

On Sunday January 22 at the Annual General Meeting of Ontario Sailing, Executive Director Glen Lethbridge presented the OS Regatta of the Year Award to Representatives from RHYC, BS&BC and Burlington Able Sail.

On January 19, Canadian Yachting Association announced the Rotary Mobility Cup would receive the City of Kingston Award for Regatta of the Year at the CYA Rolex Sailor of the Year Award banquet in Toronto on February 4th. Past Commodore Don Green will accept on behalf of RHYC and the Organizing Committee.

Laurel Thompson has been nominated, by Tourism Hamilton for the Sports Ambassador of the Year Award (Convention) for her work with the Rotary Mobility Cup. We'll know the result of this award on March 6.

Congratulations to Laurel and Don for their hard work and dedication to making the regatta such a huge success.

## From the Office

As the Club enjoys a makeover, many thanks to those that are working diligently on their own time, really bringing the facility up to the next level for all to be proud of.

Our new front entrance foyer is outstanding, bringing compliments from tenants and guests alike. This work will prove integral in our ability to attract and generate new RHYC business for many years. Thanks to our contractor, Mountain Brow Construction, for completing their job on schedule, and for working around all the inevitable traffic.

There is tangible electricity in the air as we begin 2012 here at the RHYC. Chef Kevin Cheeseman is finalizing and preparing to unveil his new list of selections from the kitchen. The selected suppliers and agents that represent our new wines for the Club have shipped our initial inventory. The Banquet/Events department will be aggressively promoting more corporate and social events, generating more rental income, in addition to increased food and beverage business. Please welcome Robin Pahl as our new Event Coordinator.

I am also pleased to announce our reciprocal program with the University Club at McMaster. Members at both the RHYC and the University Club may now enjoy the dining, bar, meeting room benefits of each others' facilities with proper Club ID, and credit or debit card payment. Please visit [www.mcmaster.ca/univclub/](http://www.mcmaster.ca/univclub/) for additional information.

Michael Temperley  
General Manager.

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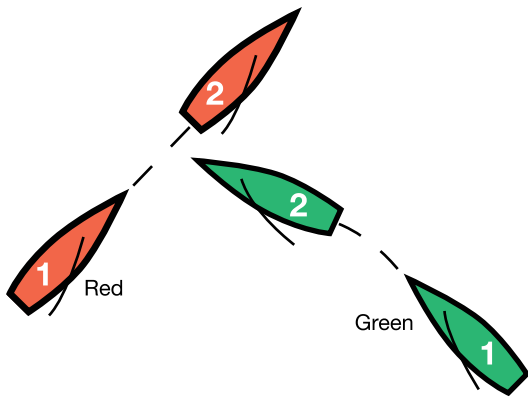
## Dispatches from the Jury Boat

By Kathy and Leo

Rule 10 (On Opposite Tacks) is one of the basic right of way rules and says: "When boats are on opposite tacks, a port-tack boat shall keep clear of a starboard-tack boat." Remembering that words printed in italics are terms that are used in the sense stated in the Definitions section of the rule book, we need to understand what it means to keep clear to begin to fully understand rule 10 (as well as many other rules). In the simplest of terms, rule 10 means starboard gets to sail her course and port must keep out of the way.

So, what are the rights and obligations when starboard and port tack boats come together on collision courses?

In the first diagram, Red on port crosses ahead of Green, but misjudges the distance and Green bears away to avoid contact, then protests Red. ISAF Case 50 says Green need not hold her course so as to prove, by hitting Red, that a collision was inevitable. Indeed, if Green hits Red when she could have avoided her, she breaks rule 14 (avoiding contact).



### Definition – Keep Clear

One boat *keeps clear* of another if the other can sail her course with no need to take avoiding action and, when the boats are overlapped on the same tack, if the *leeward* boat can change course in both directions without immediately making contact with the *windward* boat.

For Green's protest to be upheld she must convince the protest committee one of two things happened: either contact would have occurred had she held her course, or there a reasonable apprehension of contact had she held her course, so she took avoiding action.

For the protest to be dismissed, Red would have to prove either that Green did not change course or that there was not a reasonable apprehension of collision by Green.

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## Update from VC Docks and Boats

Happy New Year to all RHYC members.

The 2012 season is shaping up to be a very exciting year. We are creating new Club-owned slips and storage areas and are generating new income for RHYC. There is currently one live-aboard winter tenant floating in the east basin and have inquiries already for more wet-slip winter storage for next year. We hope to provide space and electricity for another possibly 3 to 4 more winter live-aboards. There is also the possibility of bubbling another 3 to 4 boats for winter storage.

Demand was high for the reasonably priced winter storage in the West compound this last year and so we are going to expand on this and provide storage for another 20 to 30 boats. There will be requisition forms and a sign-up list posted in early July. The space will on a first come basis. Some conditions will apply.

There are also plans for the creation of another 6 to 8 full size slips on Chippewa dock and 3 to 4 premium slips along the west wall of the inner basin. The Club's shark boats are to be relocated to the inner basin freeing up another 3 slips for members. We will be meeting with city officials later in the month and hopefully be able to convince them to increase the number of the slips along the Iroquois Pier and also provide proper safety equipment for the pier and all floating docks. If you have any ideas or suggestions or would like to be involved in any of the work bees please contact me.

Tom Dunmore  
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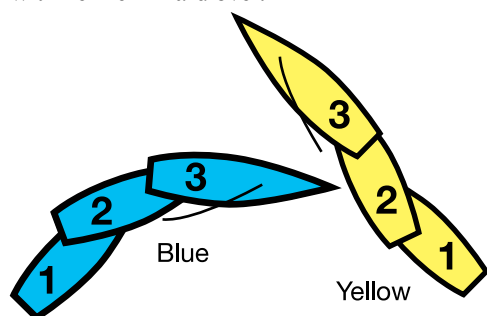
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## Dispatches from the Jury Boat *(continued from page 6)*

What should Red have done? When she realized she may have broken rule 10, she should do the sportsmanlike thing and exonerate herself with a Two-turns penalty and avoid the protest room. Even better, when it looked like it was going to be a close crossing, Red should have taken positive action to keep clear by either tacking below Green or by bearing away before position 1 and sailing astern of Green.

Now, let's look at the situation where Yellow is slightly ahead of Blue on port. Leading up to the incident, Yellow hailed "starboard" when the boats were three boat lengths apart and again at two lengths. Blue did not respond or change course until just beyond position 1 when she begins to bear away with her helm hard over.



Simultaneously, Yellow fearing a collision, luffed sharply to minimize damage or injury. Yellow seeing Blue bear away, immediately bore away and the two boats narrowly avoided contact in position 3. Yellow protested.

The fact that a collision was avoided does not mean that Blue kept clear. ISAF Case 88 says keep clear means something more than avoid contact. The Case takes five things into consideration in finding that Blue did not keep clear:

1. The boats were on collision courses and at least one of them would have to change course
2. The distance between the boats at the moment both boats changed course
3. The estimated time remaining before contact
4. The amount of course change needed by each boat to avoid a collision
5. The time required by either boat to make the necessary course change.

In position 1 Blue was not keeping clear because a collision was imminent and nearly unavoidable. Blue had sailed beyond the point where she should have borne away, either to reach the windward mark as quickly as possible or to sail her chosen course for tactical reasons. Yellow could not know if Blue had heard her hails, or if she was preparing to change course, or if she was even aware of Yellow. Yellow had a reasonable apprehension of collision and rightly concluded that only she could avoid contact by changing course. Yellow was clearly unable to sail her course with no need to take avoiding action, therefore Blue did not keep clear, breaking rule 10.

What should Blue have done? As was the case with Red, Blue should exonerate herself with a Two-turns penalty and avoid the protest room. And like Red, Blue shouldn't have put herself into this situation in the first place by taking positive action to keep clear by either tacking below Yellow before position 1 or by bearing away much sooner and sailing astern of Yellow.

## TRIVIA NIGHT

### PART II

7pm, Friday March 2, 2012

Join us for a friendly competition, prizes, and fun for all. Make sure to invite your friends.

### TOPICS INCLUDE:

- ♦ Art & Literature
- ♦ Current Events
- ♦ Geography
- ♦ History
- ♦ Pop Culture
- ♦ Science & Nature
- ♦ Sports & Leisure

## Upcoming Social Events

We have an exciting line-up of events coming up this year. Mark your calendars because you do not want to miss it.

On Saturday, February 11, treat your sweetheart to a special 2 for 1 dinner comprised of a romantic menu for \$29.95++. After dinner, learn how to social dance Salsa and Rumba for one hour with Cassandra Wallace from DCC Dancing. The cost of the lesson is \$5/per person and it starts at 8:30 PM. At 9:30 PM join us for the Valentine's dance where you can practice your new dance moves or enjoy your favourite music hits.

Join us on February 17 for a special Mardi Gras Pub Night. Enjoy the atmosphere, cuisine and music of Mardi Gras.

Ladies' night at RHYC! We want all the ladies to join us on February 25 for a day and evening of pampering. More details are forthcoming.

Back by popular request is the Trivia Pub Night on Friday, March 2 at 7 pm. Join us for trivia and your chance to win prizes.

John Janisse will entertain us on Friday, March 18 for the St. Patrick's Day Kitchen Party. A \$10 cover will be in place. However, if you bring a dish to share, the cover is just \$5. *(continued on page 8)*

## Upcoming Social Events *(continued from page 7)*

An exciting night is being planned by the Sail Training committee for March 31 to fundraise for Junior Sail. This is an event you do not want to miss.

The Children's Easter Party is planned for Saturday, April 7. Bring your children down for a free lunch, cookie decorating, treats, games, egg colouring and an egg derby. Easter Brunch will follow on Sunday, April 8.

Stay tuned in next month's Horizon for more descriptions of events taking place in April, May, and June. If you cannot wait, check out the social calendar at [www.RHYC.ca](http://www.RHYC.ca).

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## President's Report

The club is now open for the 2012 sailing season, which, of course, starts with the annual Robbie Burns dinner. During the shut down, the entrance way was updated and the trophy case, and men's washrooms were spruced up. The Club's facilities continue to be improved due to the hard work of countless volunteers.

We are re-launching the food and beverage service starting on Robbie Burns Day. The goal is to continue to improve your experience at our club. When you discuss dining choices, we want the RHYC to be in the top tier so you will bring your friends, family and colleagues.

We need the Club to be used more frequently, especially during late fall, winter and early spring. We would encourage everyone to book business and social events.

In regards to the lease with the City, we are meeting with them in early February to continue our discussions. The RHYC wants to continue our partnership with the City of Hamilton to development the waterfront infrastructure for the public good. Our members bring life and energy to the waterfront by providing organizational and marina management skills so all residents can enjoy the waterfront in an environmental friendly and affordable manner. We believe that a "made in Hamilton" public-non-profit partnership is the most effective model to revitalization of the waterfront for the greater good of Hamilton residents. The RHYC and the City have been partnering for over 123 years and we look forward to the next stage.

Finally, on a personal note, many of you may know that my family and I are returning to sailing after briefly owning a non-sailboat (a beautiful Monk trawler). Owning a trawler was a pleasant experience, however, the desire to sail never left the captain. Buying a boat in today's marketplace is like a kid in a candy shop. There are so many choices, opinions and free advice. We hope to buy something by spring, if not, we will still be enjoying the RHYC and everything it has to offer.

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