



NEW HORIZONS

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July 2010

Commodore's Report

Wow! Where has the time gone? June has been a very busy month. We have run a very successful Lilac Festival Regatta, Sail Past, John Farrell Memorial Regatta and Rock the Hammer. My hat again goes out to all the volunteers who make this happen.

The spring racing has been fantastic. We have had a bit of everything as far as weather is concerned, but again with everyone's help we have had great courses and great competition.

Sail Past was very special to me. From being a kid standing on the dock with my parents over 50 years ago to actually taking the salute as your Commodore has been a real honour and privilege. Thank you to all who sailed by in about 20 knots of wind! Top Gun had to put out about 150 feet of rode to stay on station. Again, special thanks to Bishop Ralph Spence for the blessing of the boats, and our friends from the Power Squadron who raised the flags and laid a wreath. Thanks also have to go to VC George Tinsley who pulled it all together for us.

The pool has now had some major work done on it and is ready for another season of "fun in the sun." I also have to say a special thanks to Kathy Hagan and Margaret Jones for all the work done our gardens; they look absolutely spectacular!

Our "new" committee boat the Commodore Harry Penny is really coming along. Again, thanks to all for their efforts of pulling this together, especially Dot Blandford who painted the whole inside, Al Rutherford who painted the whole engine room and Past-Commodore Bill Cheek who has helped in getting the boat ready as a fine committee boat. Colin Jacobs, who seems to always be at the Club, has really been instrumental in getting our docks and boats in good working condition. With the help and support of Ron and Steve, I think you will agree that the RHYC has not looked this good in years.

As this newsletter comes out, our first sailing school students will be out "learning the ropes." The sailing school was about 70% booked as I write this. We still have lots of openings in the Adult training. If you or someone you know would like to learn the lifelong skill of sailing, please contact the RHYC office and book your lessons. Thank you to Emily and all the sailing school volunteers who have pulled this all together so well.

If it's helping with a regatta, being part of Sips on Slips, helping with the sailing school, helping with the gardens or pool, or just giving a hand for an hour or so, it is very much appreciated. Volunteers are the life blood of our club, and I truly believe we have the very best anywhere on the lake.

As we head into July, we will see many visiting boats.

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Emily Foster (Head Instructor); Emily Hill (Race Coach); Dane Broe (White Sail Coach); Luke Ostapiak (Teen Sail Coach); Mark Ostapiak (Opti Race Coach); Josh Brown (White Sail Coach); Spencer West (White Sail Coach). Missing were Robyn Guyatt (Bronze Sail Coach) and Iain Wilson (White Sail Coach).

The 2010 RHYC Youth Sailing School Coaches

The event organized by the coaches under the leadership of Emily Foster put on a great show for our sailing school families. About 50 people showed up for the event to meet the coaching staff and listen to a presentation about the school, our courses and what the young sailors need to bring for a day at the school. A tour of the sailing school was then conducted where the coaches had to rig one of each of the types of dinghies used by the school for training. Well done to all the coaching staff for a great evening!

D'Arcy Wilson
VC Sail and Popwer Boat Training

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Lilac Regatta - Why 'Regattas Are What We Do!'

As I sit here reflecting on a terrific weekend spent at my adopted club, The Royal Hamilton Yacht Club, I can't help but yet again marvel at the self-less dedication to youth sailing displayed by Royal Hamilton's members and those who gladly volunteer to help out at your events. It is always wonderful to be on "the crew" at RHYC regattas because of the enthusiasm and expertise you muster to provide the very best event possible. You have this uncanny ability of making P.R.O.'s look good!

A special "Call Out" to Leslie Hynd, your Lilac Festival Regatta Chair. Well done, Leslie!! It is no small task to run such an event and you stood up to the challenge. Many thanks to Bonnie for her work at the Registration/Results Desk. Kudos to Colin, Steve and others I know I've missed for assembling all the race gear and boats. Thank you to General Manager Ron Philp for a job well done along with the Food & Beverage Manager.

The assemblage of Judges (Alex, Kathy, Leo, Bob, George, Sean) led by Robert Stewart did a terrific job on the water, in the Protest Room and in the humour department. A special thanks to Robert for his vetting of the SI's, etc.

Finally, a major thank you to the three Race Crews. Shelley Vaughan did a terrific job on the OPTI Course with Mentor/SNRO with Irene McNeill in her side car. Shelley, I appreciate that it must have been tough for you under the circumstances losing your Mom – our heartfelt thanks and condolences to you.

Stephen Hill and crew, another job well done, but then....we expect no less. You had the Lasers and Radials standing at attention banging off 5 perfect races on Saturday and the maximum 2 in challenging conditions on Sunday.

Last but not least, well done Anne Sanderson. The 2-Handed Fleet is always a challenge and you stepped into Suzanne's deck shoes quite marvelously. The Coaches were very pleased with the course you ran for their athletes.

I would also like to thank Ontario Sailing Coach Murray McCullough, BS&BC Coach Chris Hewson and ABYC Coach Jason Berry for all their help on the water as coach liaison and "watchful eyes" – always a pleasure!

Again, WELL DONE to all and I look forward to working with all of you the next time!

Mark Searle
Principle Race Officer
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Your Are Invited

Club member, Sonya de Laat, invites you to come to her first solo photography exhibition "Barton Village" at the Carnegie Gallery, 10 King Street West, Dundas, on display July 2-30, 2010. Opening reception, Friday, July 9 from 7-9:30pm.



Recently, **Graham Crawford** came to talk his topic was "The Renewal of James Street North." Graham grew up in Hamilton and after 25 years in Toronto and a successful business career he decided to return to Hamilton, first buying a house and later buying a small spot on James Street North. The James Street location was built in 1882, and has now been converted into a gallery space which he has named HIStory and HERitage. The gallery exhibits stories of Hamilton's history using new technologies.

Graham reviewed some of the James Street history including the old City Hall, the Lister Block, the old Hamilton Market, the McQueston foundry, the Princess Theatre (also known as the Tivoli), along with other locations, and then went on to tell us about some of the new additions to the northern end of this downtown street. The James North Art Crawl, on the first Friday evening of each month, brings about 1000 people to the street to see the many galleries' new exhibits which change monthly. Along with the multitude of galleries there is The Print Studio which has art classes, and the old Hamilton Hotel that has been refurbished and is being turned into artist studios. There is also a new bike shop, an art shop, a day-spa, and produce is sold on sidewalk markets adding colour to the street. There are street festivals, good restaurants, a new café and much, much more. Graham challenged us all to visit James Street North, support all these new businesses, see past history as well and witness history in the making.

EGYPT AND THE HOLY LAND TOURS was a combined presentation by **Barb Edwards**, travel consultant for Travel Discounters, and by **Harish Shariff**. The two who are planning a 14 day tour this fall consisting of 8 days in Egypt, 4 days in Jerusalem, and 2 days in Jordan.

Harish gave an interesting slide presentation of the ancient wonders of Egypt and the spectacular historical sites that are planned to be visited on the tour. The guided tour includes a 4-day Nile boat cruise allowing visits to some of the sites using the boat as a floating hotel. The street markets (described as organized chaos by Harish) are an entertaining way to shop and see another side of Egypt; plus the strong Canadian dollar helps bargain hunters get good value.

The holy land part of the tour was promoted using a video describing many of the biblical sites that are so important in the history of the Jewish and Christian faiths. It is amazing that so much happened in such a small area. The contrast between the fully modern buildings and highways in Israel with the ancient biblical sites is fascinating. The final 2 days of the tour are at Petra in Jordan, another city of the Mideast that dates far back in history. Barb Edwards assured everyone that guides spoke good English, all accommodation had been vetted, and that October-November weather is perfect for sightseeing.

Join us for lunch to hear the following speakers in our new fall season:

Sept 2 – Sue Ellis, "A Return to Antarctica, a Rendez-vous with Destiny"

Sept 16 – Bruce Wood, CEO Hamilton Port Authority, "Who We Are"

Have a great summer, and see you in September!

Commodore's Report

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We have cruises planned into Port Credit and Fifty Point. We will also be running our annual Fogh Boorman, and Shark provincial regatta's. Please sign up for any of these if you are interested in volunteering, competing or being involved.

I look forward to seeing around the club,

Russ Perry

Commodore



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Royal Canadian Naval/ Maritime Command 100th Anniversary -Trivia

Naval Skill testing Question:

In the last issue I challenged you to a simple answer to an often confused and misused tradition – that of “Is the Loyal Toast” taken standing or sitting? The correct answer is that in a naval mess dinner or other formal dinner in which the “Loyal toast” is given, the toast is taken sitting. Is that not dis-respectful? Not in the slightest, given the naval environment and the Royal heritage of the custom as follows:

The privilege accorded to the Royal Navy (and followed by many Commonwealth countries) of remaining seated while drinking the Sovereign’s health is of long standing but obscure in origin. There are three popular beliefs about this -

- (a) that King Charles II when on board the ROYAL CHARLES bumped his head on rising to reply to the toast;
- (b) that King George IV when Regent, dining on board one of HM Ships said, as the officers rose to drink the King’s health “Gentlemen, pray be seated, your loyalty is above suspicion”;
- (c) that King William IV while Duke of Clarence (Lord High Admiral) bumped his head as he stood up at dinner in one of HM Ships.

In most of the Sail of the Line it was almost impossible to stand upright between decks except between the deck-beams; furthermore

in ships having a pronounced ‘thumble-home’ (i.e. steeply sloping sides) anyone seated closer to the ship’s side would find it difficult to stand at all.

The privilege of remaining seated does not extend to naval messes on shore, nor afloat when the National Anthem is played. If no one takes wine for the loyal toast, the mess president has his glass filled at the expense of the mess so that, through him, all the members of the mess do drink the Sovereign’s health.

It has been said that the practice of drinking the loyal toast in an empty glass, or in water, was authorised by King George V out of deference to officers’ pockets. Today, while modern society recognizes our need to drink and drive responsibly, taking the Loyal Toast with water is a very acceptable custom. The essence is that the toast be taken – wine or water.

This month’s Naval Custom skill testing question:

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”.

Sunday	To wives and sweethearts
Monday	To ourselves
Tuesday	To a bloody war and sickly season
Wednesday	To absent friends
Thursday	To a willing foe and plenty of sea room
Friday	To our ships at sea
Saturday	Our men (and women in today’s service)

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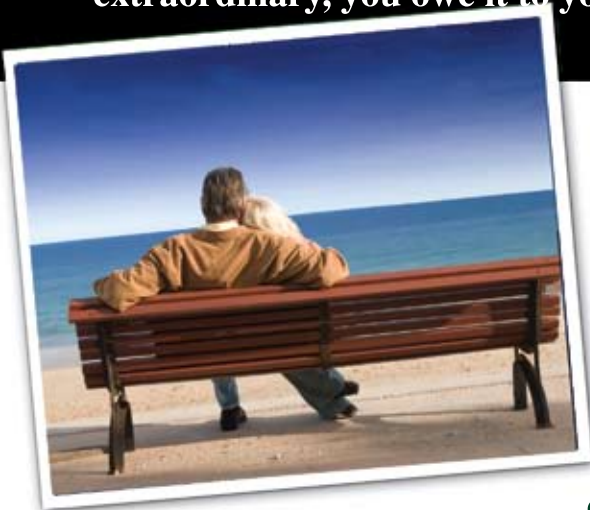
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Sail and Power Boat Training News

By the time you will read this, the first session of the sailing school will be well under way. We are looking forward to a great sailing summer. Registration in our Junior Sail programs continue to climb (at 72% at the time of writing) and hopefully by this time the school will be near capacity. Unfortunately, we are seeing the same trend as last year with lower than expected registrations in our adult sail training courses. We had hoped that with the economy slowly turning upwards we might see some increased registrations, but we are about the same level as last year.

The school has been busy through the months of May and June with several Ontario Sailing instructor clinics being completed, the Lilac Festival Regatta successfully completed, two Basic Cruising Courses delivered, as well as the John Farrell Regatta and our Sailing School Open House.

Our young racers have been out on the Bay training in May and June getting ready for the upcoming season. Spring training has started with several of our Opti and Silver/Gold team members taking advantage of the early spring training sessions to work out the winter cobwebs and get into preparations for the racing season with our coaches Mark Ostapiak (Opti) and Emily Hill (Silver/Gold).

Despite our limited funds, the Sail Training Committee had decided to create a prioritized list of capital needs for the school. The capital re-investment plan has been prepared within our financial means and we are starting to invest in much needed equipment replacements. So far we have invested in new trapeze harnesses, new Optimist sails, new Laser rigging and sails (to get one of the Lasers acquired last year into operation), new dollies for the travelling 420's, and other long needed items. With these investments, a renewed focus on monitoring the status our equipment, and daily maintenance checklists and routines for all of the school's boats we hope to stem the ever growing repair costs to our boats and gear in order to allow us to re-invest in the school's equipment.

I would just like to close by taking a few words to thank our sailing school volunteers who have recently come out to help us get the school's boats out of winter storage and into a position where they can be rigged and readied for the school's use. Over the course of three Saturday work parties in May and June, the volunteers have done a great amount of lifting and handling of the boats out of storage. Thank you for your support!

Yours aye,

D'Arcy Wilson
Vice Commodore
Sail and Power Boat Training

RYHC Cruising Schedule Summer 2010



The sign up sheet is located by the office – space is limited

JULY 2/3/4 - PCYC - this will be a 2 night cruise that is flexible depending on when people will be taking the Canada Day holiday

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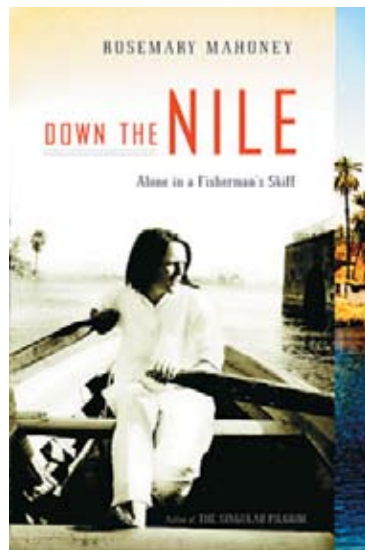
James Talmage – Charter Member (returning member)
Martin Rawlinson – Member (returning member)
Jerry R Wendt – Member
Charlie Day – Member
Geoffrey Botha – Introductory Member
Terence Francis Hughes – Introductory Member
Bruce Killinger – Introductory Member

Down The Nile

by Rosemary Mahoney, Little Brown and Company, New York, 2007

Rose loves to row. Not a sleek racing shell. Just a plain old rowboat with cumbersome oars. She finds rowing peaceful, meditative and enthralling. Possibly, it is because the water under the boat is free and volatile. She admits there is an element of surrender and is drawn to rowing many places around the world. Which brings us to the Nile. Perhaps because Egyptians said it was impossible for a woman (especially "foreign") to row down such a dangerous river, Rose was determined to "dress in white, wrap a shirt around her head, tuck her hair up, use a local boat, and nobody would notice she was a white woman floating down the Nile through Egypt." Then she encountered barriers. Locals could not comprehend the possibility and only laughed at her offers to buy their boats. Egyptian police said "not allowed." Everywhere, the tourist mindset inundated her with un-solicited offers of every kind. Finally, she met Amr, a felucca captain, who agreed to loan her his rowboat. He turns out to be an open window to a culture that continuously astonishes her. As she rows, she juxtaposes the thoughts of many Europeans before her, such as Herodotus, Napoleon, Winston Churchill, Gustave Flaubert, William Golding, and Florence Nightingale. The row itself, from Aswan to Qena, is easy; the social challenge is daunting. You will leave this book as overwhelmed as all those who came before.

Richard Herrington
RHYC Book Reviewer

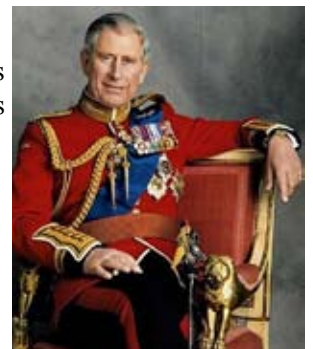


A Real Sailpast: The Shark, Fiction, (helmed by Tom Nelson) didn't make it easy, but is caught here being passed by the visiting Hughes 25, Rehab, owned by Joan and Chris McCormack, helmed by Chris at Sailpast 2010.

Our Royal Patron

Many will not realize that when His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales extends his Patronage to various organizations it is usually for a period no longer than five years. There are stringent requirements concerning the application and in our case, the renewal of this honour. So it is with great pleasure that I can announce His Royal Highness has graciously consented to extend his Patronage for another five years to The Royal Hamilton Yacht Club.

Commodore Russ Perry



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A Rare Piece of Club History

An interesting and rare piece of club history found its way back to RHYC on June 10. A silver water jug that was awarded to Zelma, the yacht belonging to our fourth Commodore, Richard Alan Lucas in 1898, was presented to Commodore Russ Perry by Brenda and Gord Found of Grimsby. Purchased from the estate of Brenda's parents, the RHYC is grateful for the thoughtfulness and generosity extended by Brenda and her husband who alerted us to the item coming up for auction from her parents estate sale.

Zelma was a cutter owned by Richard Alan Lucas, who was Commodore from 1896 - 1899. Zelma won the Walker Cup in 1896 and 1910 - this was a LYRA trophy. The jug was manufactured and patented by the Meriden B Company, a company founded in Meriden Connecticut in 1852 and subsequently bought by the Rogers Silver Company. Meriden B Company was a manufacturer that made silverware out of "black silver" the kind of silver that was economical at the time; it still had the flare of expensive silver settings. Today the silver alone is of high value, since refined silver was getting high in value and the price of refined silver was costly at the time, Meriden B Company started offering silver that was not "refined" before it was marked, this was before "nickle silver", so the silver is still 100 percent. The product itself will appear black before you polish it, and it should be left in that state. This priceless artifact is on display in the Awards case at the Club.



Photos taken by Katherine Fleitas.



Dave Vollans with the club's newest boat MINX gets ready to "hit the water" with a little toast from Al Molloy, Kim White and Russ Perry.



The Commodore working hard or hardly working?



HELP WANTED

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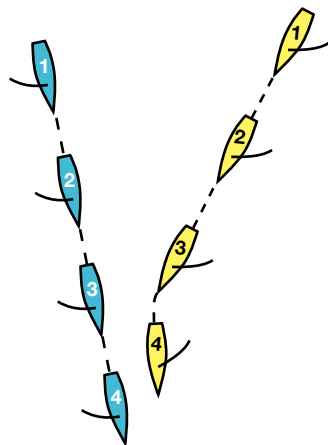
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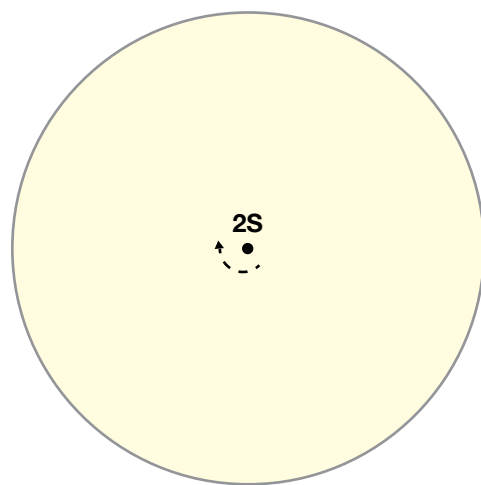
Dispatches from the Jury Boat

By Kathy and Leo

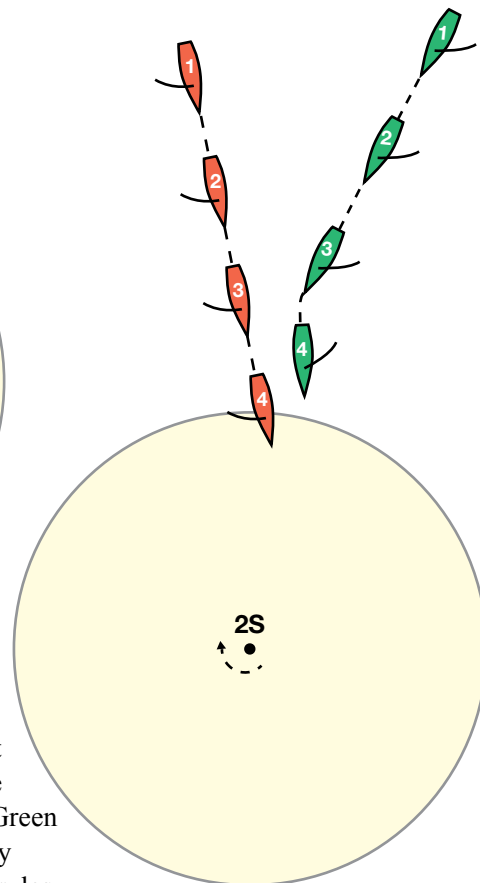
Two boats are sailing downwind towards the starboard leeward gate mark on collision courses. Blue is on port tack, while Yellow is on starboard tack. Blue is yelling “room” to Yellow and Yellow is hollering “starboard” back at Blue. What rules apply?



Neither boat has reached the zone of the mark therefore the mark-room rule (rule 18) does not apply. Blue on port is required to keep clear of Yellow on starboard (rule 10). Even though Blue will shortly be entitled to mark-room, while the boats remain outside the zone, she must take action to keep clear even if it means sailing towards the wrong side of the mark. By not doing so, Blue breaks rule 10.



In the other incident, Red and Green are in exactly the same positions as Blue and Yellow except they meet after Red has entered the zone. Rule 10 still applies, but now rule 18 also applies and Green on the outside must give Red mark-room. Here Green meets her obligation to give mark-room by bearing away and she does not break any rules.



These two incidents demonstrate how quickly rights and obligations can change. It also highlights that there can be an element of uncertainty as to what rules apply depending upon where the boats are in relation to the zone. Blue would have been better off to have erred on the side of caution and kept clear until she is certain she is in the zone and entitled to mark-room.



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Message From The President

I'm sure you'll agree it's great to see all the activity down by the water. We are starting to enjoy the warmth of the summer and another great season of dockside activities and boating. Staff and volunteer members at the RHYC have been in high gear to ready the facility, grounds, pool and our sail training fleet. I want to extend a personal welcome to all new club members and encourage you to join in some of our volunteer activities. There is no better way to meet people and assure you enjoy the Club fully so please feel free to talk to any of us on the Board or Bridge. Sail Past was a great success and racing and regatta's are in full swing. There is much to look forward to this season.

In my last article we welcomed several new members of the Board. Shortly thereafter we filled the final Board vacancy welcoming John Tee as Director who brings a wealth of Board experience. John is already making a great contribution to our team, thanks John! Going forward we will need to recruit some new Board members. As I mentioned at the Commodore's Ball, Martin Lipp chairs the nomination committee and he is on the lookout for new candidates within our current membership. Currently, seriously contemplation is being done regarding the Executive positions for the 2010/2011 fiscal year. The Club by-laws require the existing Executive resign and a new Executive be elected from the new Board elected at the October 2010 meeting. My intention is to guide this process in a transparent way, and I look forward to feedback from our membership. We need your help: If interested, please make yourself known to Martin Lipp or any on the current Executive.

The Board has decided to start the annual budgeting process much earlier this year to enable all the staff and working committee's to think through priorities and resource requirements ahead of time. 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 RHYC. I hope 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 continue to build on our Vision & Mission so please keep this in mind as you formulate your plans:

RHYC Vision 2020

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 inclusivity, 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 have reached the halfway mark in our current fiscal year and need to focus on income building activities, such as adult sail training and membership, as well as prudent spending activities if we are to make our break-even budget for the year. Our general manager and the staff have been working diligently to build our club success and, if you have been down to the Club, you will notice many changes and improvements. Thanks to our manager Ron Philp for driving the facility improvements this spring and beyond.

From a personal perspective, Annette and I recently returned from our 25th wedding anniversary trip to Italy and Holland. You will have seen pictures in the last issue of Horizons. Annette was pictured on a cliff overlooking the harbour of Capri and, yes, it is as beautiful as it looks. The food was delicious and the people warm and friendly. We have family in Holland and took some time to stop in and see them on our return home to Canada.

I wish you and your families a safe and happy summer season, enjoy your time on the water!

Len Verhey
President

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