



NEW HORIZONS

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June 2010

Commodore's Report

I am sitting on Top Gun this morning writing my report. The first of the spring racing series has been very, very wet and very, very windy. I am down trying to dry the boat out! I guess this is what some may call multi-tasking. May has been a great time getting ready for the up coming sailing, swimming and social season. It is great to see all the changes around the RHYC. Ron and his staff have worked very hard fixing the front dock, repairing wave boards, fixing water leaks, and getting the property in good shape.

June 5th is our Sailpast, the official opening of our season. Come on down and spend the day. We will have our traditional dressing of the boats and blessing of the boats in the morning, and the Sailpast in the afternoon. If you don't have a boat to go on, come on down and watch the boats from the front dock or jump on with someone else. It is always fun, and follows many years of tradition. I believe the only time in our 122 year history that we have not had a Sailpast has been during the two worlds wars. More details will follow.

Hamilton City Council passed in principle the plans for the waterfront. There is still lots of work to do and lots of negotiations still to come. The great news is that Council instructed Staff to start discussions and to have long term leases in place by the fourth quarter of this year! Many thanks go to Martin Lipp and his committee who have worked tirelessly on your behalf getting the best possible outcome for your club. I truly believe when all is said and done, we will have a far better, very boater, and social friendly facility.

I get truly amazed at the volunteer group at our club. From members of the Board and Bridge to members of our race, protest and regatta committees, to those who organize club cruises, to those who look after our gardens and the many others that help out in all the other groups and committee's at the Club; you are all so very much appreciated. We are always looking for more people to help on committees. If you want to get involved please see me or any member of the Board or Bridge and I know we will be more than happy to point you to the right direction. If you are not involved, you don't know what you are missing!

As I reported at the Commodores Ball, The Mobility Cup for August 2011 has been jointly awarded to RHYC and BS&BC. Laurel Thompson will co-chair for RHYC with Bob Wercholz from BS&BC. This is the premier North American Regatta for Able Sailors. We will at the same time be holding the 2.4 North American championships that is a mixed fleet of sailors with or without disabilities. This will be a fantastic event for the RHYC and for Hamilton.

We have many other regatta's planned again this year, they include "Rock the Hammer," "Easter Seals," and the "Lilac Festival" regatta which was held at the end of May to name just a few.

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Photos of Len and Annette's educational tour of Amalfi where the compass and Mediteranean maritime law were invented. If only all history classrooms were this picturesque.

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Sail and Power Boat Training News

May has been a very busy month in and around the Sailing School. Both Emily Foster and Emily Hill started work at the school on the 3rd of May to help get the school ready for the summer. They have been busy making contacts to help bolster registrations for both Junior and Adult programs, contacting our racing team members from last year to motivate them to return again for another great season of racing, getting our school 420's rigged and ready for our OS Clinic commitment, launching our coach boats and cleaning out the sailing school building amongst other tasks that have come up. Well done to both and thanks for your help over the past couple of weeks and for doing a great job.

Two volunteer work parties were organized and were able to get the 420's out of storage as well as the school's coach boats and Sharks ready for the first course of the season – Basic Cruising – that finished on the 16th of May. Thank you to all who participated in the volunteer work parties. I am sure Emily has at least one more volunteer work party planned for us in order to get the Opti's ready for the end of June.

Registration is still gaining momentum and strength in numbers; gains were made in the White Sail, Race Teams and Adult Sail training courses. Our Opti Race/Development team is full – at 8 – and registration is now closed. Our Bronze classes are getting full with only 9 spots left over the summer. Our White Sail program is about 55% full for the summer. And our Silver/Gold team has 5 out of the 8 spots filled. *(continued on page 6)*



Colin Jacobs even more merry than usual, because he's celebrating his birthday. Congratulations, Colin!"

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

I look forward to seeing you all around the Club, and look forward to seeing you on June 5th. Come and join me on the front dock for a little wine and cheese at the end of the Sail-past.

Russ Perry
Commodore

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Evie Auchinvole has been the historian at Stewart Memorial Church for 10 years and came to share with us some of its 175 year history. Stewart Memorial Church, located at 114 John Street North has a multicultural congregation and is considered more as a destination church rather than a community church. Evie began with a review of the history of the end of slavery in Canada when, in 1793, Lt. Governor John Graves Simcoe passed anti-slavery legislation in Upper Canada. By 1833, the British abolished slavery in the colonies and one year later, in 1834, Canada proclaimed the Emancipation Act. Although there were proclamations in the United States, these were mainly flowery words, and did not hold the same power as the law of 1835 that was passed in Canada entitling full rights of citizenship to black people. As a result of these anti-slavery attitudes many black people, who were still treated as commodities in many parts of the world at that time, came to Canada from the United States by the Underground Railway movement. By 1835, Stewart Memorial Church was formed as a means of supporting people coming into Canada.

Evie told us a little about the anniversary celebrations and some of the events that will be planned this year including a street festival and an old time gospel concert. Please visit them if you want more details or to join the fun.

There have been many firsts in Hamilton over the years. After editing the book *First Here*, **Margaret Houghton** edited a second book *More of First Here*, which aptly covers more firsts from the city. Margaret Houghton, archivist for the Hamilton Public Library, told us about some of the events mentioned in her latest book.

The first hot air balloon ride in Canada was in Hamilton in 1837. The first Hamilton to Toronto flight originated in Hamilton. The first passenger airline in Hamilton was Nordair. And did you know that the first pop concert at Ivor Wynne Stadium was a Pink Floyd event that sold 55 000 tickets? According to Margaret, the neighbours were expecting a disaster with that concert, especially when the Hamilton Police were given these parting words from Cleveland police after visiting them to learn about handling large concert crowds: "God Help You." There have been many firsts in the City of Hamilton and both of these books provide many details and great trivia of these events.

Shellbacks have recently received some volunteer help with their meetings. Included are Colin Jacobs, sharing the charring with Bill Cheek, and Dot Blandford, Angela and Matt Brogly, Sue Moes and Henk Wondergem assisting with financial, letter writing, thank you notes, programming and technical advice. A special thanks to Rolf Essig who built 8 beautiful new lighthouses for the tables to replace our listing sailboats.

Join us for lunch to hear the following speakers for June and September (no speakers in July and August):

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| June 3 | John Unsworth | "Rainbow Derivative Rises from the Depths" |
| June 15 | Jane McLean | "Guide to Canada Travel" |
| Sept. 2 | Sue Ellis | "A Return to Antarctica" |
| Sept. 16 | Bruce Wood, CEO Hamilton Port Authority | "Who We Are" |

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Royal Canadian Naval/
Maritime Command 100th
Anniversary -Trivia

The colours match to the following branches:

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| Red | Medical Branch Officer |
| White | Supply Officer / Logistics Branch Officer |
| No Stripe | “Executive” Branch (Command) Officer |
| Green | Electrical Branch Officer |
| Purple / Maroon | Engineer Branch Officer |

This month’ naval Skill testing question:

“Mess Dinners” are a formal dinner that occurs periodically amongst the officer corps of any of the Armed Services. These are considered a “Parade” and attendance is mandatory unless your duty requires you elsewhere (i.e., on watch while at sea). Traditions and customs that occur during these dinners have evolved over the past many centuries within different naval services. Most traditions have been based on the Royal Navy. While there are many traditions that occur during the dinner, one that is always present is the loyal toast, or the “Toast to the Queen.” This month’s question surrounds this toast and is straight forward, is the “Loyal Toast” taken standing or sitting at a naval mess dinner? (Hint: Watch “Master and Commander” for the correct answer.)

Answer in the next edition.

D’Arcy Wilson
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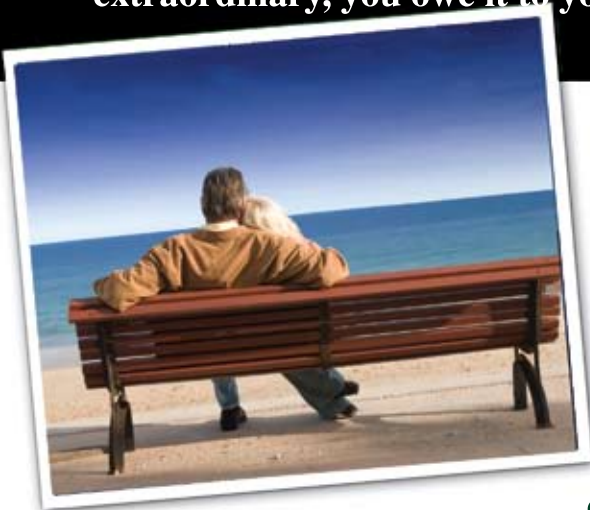
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Sail and Power Boat Training News

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With the end of school approaching, we hope to have the courses filled by the middle of June. If you know anybody who is talking about learning to sail, there is still room and I encourage you to point them to our website where they will find out more information about our excellent courses.

As we get ready for the summer school, I would like to introduce our Sailing School staff for 2010:

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| Head Instructor | Emily Foster |
| Silver/Gold Race Team Coach | Emily Hill |
| Opti Race/Development Team Coach | Mark Ostapiak |
| Teen Sail Coach | Luke Ostapiak |
| Bronze Sail Coach | Robyn Guyatt |
| White Sail Coaches: | Dane Broe, Josh Brown Spencer West, Iain Wilson |

We have a great group of coaches with many years of experience at the RHYC along with a couple of fresh faces to our coaching staff. We wish them the best during the summer and look forward to working with them for another successful sailing school summer.

The Sail Training Committee would also like to inform the Club membership of the latest achievements of one of our staff. Emily Hill has just successfully completed her "Black" CYA Level as an "Instructor Evaluator." This is a long and demanding residential course recently held at BCC over 6 days of on-shore and afloat instruction (during the recent storms and high winds of the 7-8 May 2010). The committee congratulates Emily on her achievement. When you run into her around the Club, please pass along your congratulations to her for achieving this demanding award.

Yours aye,

D'Arcy Wilson
Vice Commodore
Sail and Power Boat Training

HELP WANTED

with the 2010 Canadian Optimist Dinghy Championships being held at the RHYC August 22 to 27.

The biggest regatta of the year at RHYC needs volunteer help.

Experience not necessary. Spend an hour or two, or a day or six!
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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

JULY 24 - FIFTY POINT YC - this will be limited to 20 boats for the Saturday Night

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

SEPTEMBER 4/5 - ETOBICOKE YC

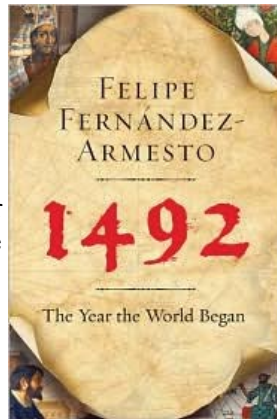
Increased Municipal Taxes Are Coming!

In case you have not heard, there are changes a foot with respect to increased municipal taxes for yacht clubs under MPAC jurisdiction. Read the Globe article (link attached) to see what Toronto area yacht clubs are trying to do to fight back.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/toronto/yachters-fight-stern-tax-hike/article1545160/>

1492: The Year the World Began

by Felipe Fernandez-Armesto,
Harper One, New York, 2009



1492: The Year the World Began, is a survey of each of the world's civilizations and their relationships with one another at the time Columbus sailed west on his voyage of discovery. The author shows how Ivan the Great expanded Muscovy (Russia) and promoted the Orthodox religion in the face of Islam and the "Eastern Hordes." Italy, heart of the Renaissance, transformed when Lorenzo Medici died, passing the seat of influence to Rome. That was when Spain expelled the Moors back to Africa, leading to the spread of Islam in Central Africa along the Sahara's gold and ivory trade routes. He explains how the monsoon winds of the Indian Ocean created the wealthiest trading partners on earth as ships from Japan to Africa were able to rely on the monsoon winds to bring them back home. Fernandez-Armesto also explains Henry (the Navigator) of Portugal authorized conquest of the Azores which was meant to circumvent the land route in order to get a share of Africa, but also accidentally led to the discovery of the trade winds that could make an Atlantic round-trip possible. He brings into focus the importance of the introversion of China as the Yongle Emperor dies and the Confusion mandarins, who are conservative and bureaucratic, as they take control and become the wealthiest, most technologically advanced civilization of the age. Finally, the stage is set for Columbus to lead Europe across the Atlantic into the world of exploration and trade that would change the balance of wealth and power up to today.

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New Horizons Book Reviewer

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From the Office

The club is looking great with all the boats in the harbor. It would be great to say we have a waiting list to get a slip – very soon I hope! Renovations of the docks and pool are coming along. There is quite a considerable amount of work to be done yet. **If you would like to help out with one or more of these projects** – please call me directly. We could use the help!

Keep in mind: If you are heading near Toronto around the time of the G-20 summit (last week in June), contact your port of call ahead of time to assure access to the Toronto harbor. There will be very tight security in this area and access will be restricted.

We are working closely with the City of Hamilton concerning the dock system. If you happen across a water leak or any other issue with the docks, please email or call me and we will have the problem sorted out ASAP.

Enjoy the summer!

Ron Philp



Recently Len and Annette Verhey celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a breathtaking trip through Italy, up to the Netherlands. Here Annette enjoys a view of Len while Len enjoys a view of his beautiful bride and equally beautiful view of a harbour near Naples.



KUDOS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO SANDY SHAW

RHYC Member, Sandy Shaw, was recognized last month with a YMCA Woman of Distinction 2010 award for Community Development and Social

Activism for her dedication and hard work in improving the lives of women and others living in poverty in Hamilton. Here is but a little glimpse of her achievements as summarized by the YMCA awards committee:

Sandy Shaw With her expertise as a Senior Social Planner and Research Specialist, Sandy has been instrumental in developing projects that have significant impact. As a senior researcher she did the first ever full study of Women and Poverty in Hamilton which was published and recognized by many, even referred to by Stephen Lewis in a local speech as one of the best reports he had ever read. Sandy's ability to develop partnerships between business, community partners, local Municipal Government and charitable organizations resulted in a community build KaBOOM playgrounds for a 100% donated and much needed playground for children living in Riverdale, one of the poorest communities in Hamilton.

From the Planning and Facilities Committee:

Make your mark at RHYC.

Eleven down, five to go!

Following the renovation of the lounge, 16 bar stools were purchased and to date 11 of these have been sponsored by members with a suitable plaque placed on each bar stool.



We still have 5 unrecognized stools, existing and all alone. For a mere \$250 a plaque to recognize your boat, your family or your association with the RHYC can be placed on one of the remaining stools.

Caveat: We cannot guarantee that you'll always find a place at the bar on a busy night!

Contact the bar staff or Belinda in the club office.

2010 RHYC Swag will be here in time for Sail Past.

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. All Styles and sizes will be on display at sailpast. Try them on, take a look and place your order with a member of the Marketing committee that day and receive your product within 10 days. Order forms will also be available on the Net.

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

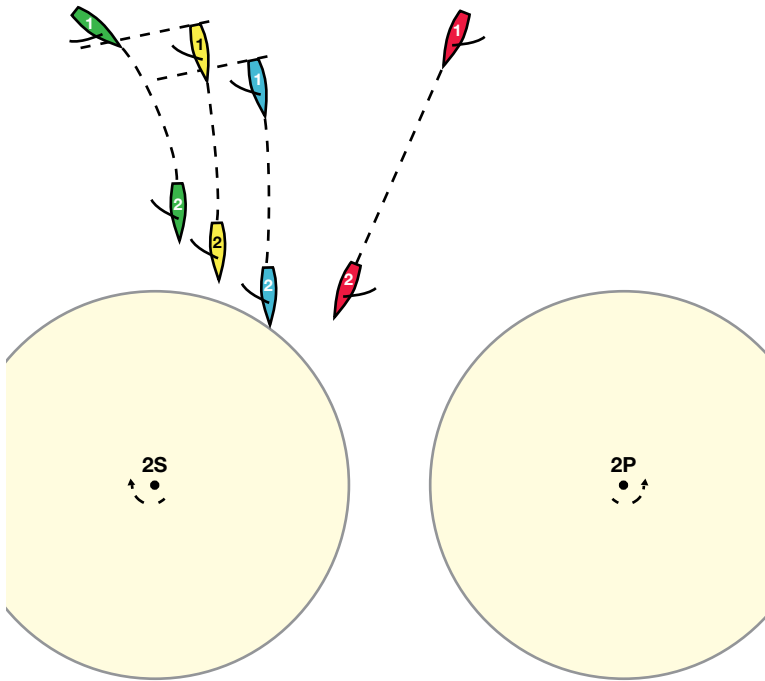
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Dispatches from the Jury Boat

By Kathy and Leo

Four boats are sailing downwind towards the leeward gate marks. Green, Yellow and Blue are on port tack, while Red is on starboard tack. Red, Blue and Yellow want to round mark 2S, but Green has seen a patch of stronger wind on the right side of the course and wants to round mark 2P. What rules apply?



First off, rule 10 (port/starboard) applies between Red, on starboard, and Green, Blue and Yellow and the three boats must keep clear of Red. Rule 11 (windward/leeward) applies between Green, Blue and Yellow. Blue must keep clear of Yellow, Yellow must keep clear of Green. Even though there is not a direct overlap between Blue and Green, the definition Overlap says they are overlapped because Yellow is between them and overlaps both, therefore Blue must also keep clear of Green.

Secondly, according to the definition Overlap, all four boats are overlapped even though they are on opposite tacks. The definition says, in part, that the terms clear astern, clear ahead and overlap always apply

to boats on the same tack, but not to boats on opposite tacks unless rule 18 (mark-room) applies or the boats are sailing more than ninety degrees from the true wind. As the boats are outside of the zone, rule 18 does not yet apply, but because the boats are sailing downwind, they are overlapped.

While the boats remain outside of the zone and not subject to rule 18, rules 10 and 11 are the applicable rules. But as the boats converge and Blue's bow enters the zone at position 2, Red becomes the outside boat under rule 18 and must give the other boats mark-room. Because Red remains the right-of-way boat under rule 10, she is only obligated to give Green, Yellow and Blue just enough room to sail to the mark and then room to sail proper courses while at the mark. In this case, Green, Yellow and Blue will have to gybe to sail proper courses, so Red must be sure to give sufficient room for those manoeuvres.

Now, what about Green, who wanted to round the other mark? Unlucky for her, she does not get to make that choice as long as she remains overlapped on the inside. Red as the right-of-way boat gets to sail the course of her choosing, provided she gives the other boats mark-room. Green's only option was to slow down to break the overlap and sail astern of the other boats to get over to mark 2P. In the absence of Red, Green could have exercised her right of way over Yellow and Blue and sailed them over to mark 2S.

Definition – Clear Astern and Clear Ahead; Overlap
One boat is clear astern of another when her hull and equipment in normal position are behind a line abeam from the aftermost point of the other boat's hull and equipment in normal position. The other boat is clear ahead. They overlap when neither is clear astern. However, they also overlap when a boat between them overlaps both. These terms always apply to boats on the same tack. They do not apply to boats on opposite tacks unless rule 18 applies or both boats are sailing more than ninety degrees from the true wind.

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