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June 2011

Commodore's Report

Very busy month again!

First of all, I am glad to have Dave and Marina Harrington join our club. Many of you know this couple already. For those who do not, we were able to press Dave into service right away by asking him to be our Bridge Secretary this year. Not only will it help with our minute taking, but I look forward to Dave's input and comments learned from his past experiences. Thank you Dave and Marina, and welcome aboard.

George Tinsley has been working hard getting our club and interclub racing programs in place for this year. Registration nights have been held, and racing is underway. Thanks to VC's Paul Vayda and Chris McCormack, we seem to be well ahead of last year in terms of organizing our sailing school and pool. Staff has all been hired, and our programs are filling up quickly.

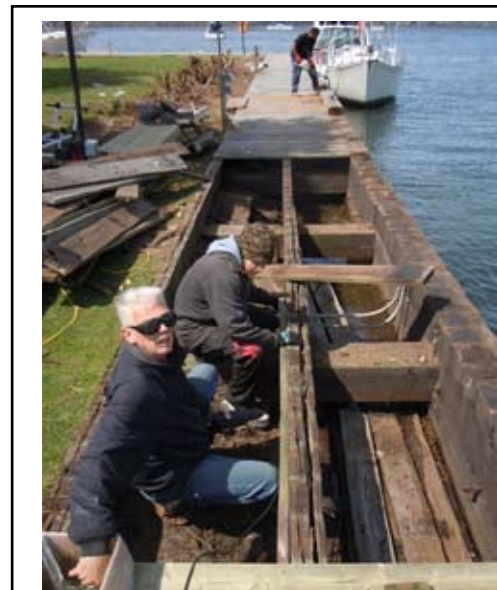
Colin Jacobs, with the help of Steve, have the Commodore Harry Penny and most of our race committee boats either back in the water or almost ready to go. Thanks to Larry Scott for doing some much needed work on Mother Goose! Also special thanks to all those who have been attending the WWW session to help get the pool and grounds ready for the season. If you have a little time on Wednesday afternoons or evenings, please talk to Colin Jacobs.

I am pleased to announce that the Mobility Cup's plans are coming along well. This will be a wonderful, first class event that we hope you will be around for. Our Opening Ceremonies will feature the Burlington Teen Tour Band, as well as the Firefighters band. We will also have many dignitaries visit our beloved RHYC. On top of it all, the racing will also be spectacular to watch. We are still in need of many volunteers. If you have the time, please see Colin or Laurel to sign up.

Much concern and frustration had been expressed over Cayuga dock. Thanks have to go out to Ron and the staff who worked so diligently to find us all temporary slips during this time. We are told now by Councilor Jason Farr that this will be completed in time for Sailpast. A meeting was held on Friday, May 20th with Councilor Jason Farr, President Mark Easden and myself to follow up on the project.

Sailpast plans are also coming along very well. We have the HMCS Star Band, as well as Cadets from the RCS Lion attending. Bishop Ralph Spence will lead the blessing of the boats, as well as dedicate our new defaced ensign. The Power and Sail Squadron will also be in attendance to lay a wreath. This is the official beginning of our sailing season, and whether you have a boat or not, this is an event that everyone should attend. I look forward to seeing you all around the Club, and please drop by the Flagship TOP GUN for a glass of wine after Sailpast.

Russ Perry
Commodore



Extreme Make-Over Dock Edition.

Over the past couple of seasons RHYC docks have been getting serious make-overs. Pictured here are the before and after of the Inner-basin dock. Go ahead, jump on them! They're solid!



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SAIL PAST

ORDER OF THE DAY
JUNE 4, 2011

0800 – 1130	Dressing of the boats and breakfast
0830 – 1230	Registration
1130 – 1200	Musical call to assembly Presentation of Power Squadron burgee Commodore's welcome Grant of Arms to the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club by the Canadian Heraldic Authority Blessing of the boats
1200	Bridge photographs at the bell
1200 – 1300	BBQ Luncheon
1230	Skippers' meeting
1300	All boats under way
1350	Warning signal (all boats in the marshalling area – monitor VHF channel 69)
1355	Preparatory signal (fleet representatives in position and all fleets to proceed in position)
1400	Sailpast starting signal Review of the fleet by the Commodore on the flagship Top Gun
1600 – 1700	Commodore's wine reception on the lawn
1700 – 2000	Dining room open for dinner Waterside dining menu

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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June 25-26

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June 25-26



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by Matt Brogly

“Parrish and Heimbecker’s Recipe for a Successful 100 Years” was the title for Rob Bryson’s talk. A few weeks ago most Hamiltonians would not have heard of this company. With the Hamilton newspaper’s recent picture of the giant bubble that arose overnight on the waterfront the anonymity has gone. The interior of the bubble will be sprayed with successive layers of concrete and is the first of two giant concrete grain handling and storage facilities to be completed by August. Rob described the

beginnings of the company in 1909 when W.L. Parrish from Brandon, Manitoba partnered with Norman Heimbecker from Hanover, Ontario to found the company. These two Canadian families are still owners and managers today.

The company is involved in trading and shipping grain and grain products produced in Canada. It has operations across Canada. Parrish and Heimbecker mills flour, makes animal nutrition products, and even produces the Butterball turkey brand in Hanover, Ontario. Rob also presented why he was against the use of corn to make ethanol for a gasoline additive. He said that in the event of a widespread poor growing season, world food reserves would not be enough to cover the shortfall.

Shipping grain from Western Canada by land to Thunder Bay and then moving it by boat along with Ontario wheat, corn, and soybeans they deliver to destinations along the Great Lakes and as far away as Montreal, Halifax and beyond. Going by boat allows the company to minimize the carbon footprint and lower the cost of product delivery. The new, fully-automated facility on Pier 10 in Hamilton is centrally located to all their key markets and will enhance the ability to take advantage of shipping by water. Rob was very enthusiastic about Hamilton and this new state-of-the-art facility which will be capable of unloading or loading vessels at 1500 tonnes of grain per hour.

Rob’s presentation was lively and interesting and elicited a lot of questions. It is encouraging to see a relatively small Canadian company such as Parrish and Heimbecker (1300 employees) stay independent and be able to prosper in a world made up largely of giant agribusiness corporations.

On April 21, Andrew Staples presented at Shellbacks; he was introduced to the audience by his grandfather, Past Commodore Bill Cheek. Andrew is a young Canadian who, after a teaching stint in South Korea, decided to take the long route back home along the Trans Siberian Highway. In order to get to the Trans Siberian from South Korea, Andrew went through China and Mongolia. He opted to fly to China creating, along the way, a photo and video collection that extended from Shanghai to Moscow.

According to Andrew, his equipment consisted of one backpack, two pairs of pants an indeterminate number of underwear, a passport and three visa’s, one for each of the three countries he would be traveling through. (Oddly, his list didn’t include socks?). His aim was to get the most mileage for the least money. He intended to live off the land, so to speak, by eating local food in local establishments. No Peking Duck for him! Shanghai surprised Andrew. The downtown has many European type buildings and lots of green space. The older section had been renovated and includes a thriving art scene. Many stores sold fighting crickets for thirty or more dollars; cricket fights were well attended and resulted in much gambling.

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Shellbacks *(continued from page 3)*

After a 12 hour train ride to Beijing, Andrew visited the notorious Tianamen Square, observing very tight security. He found food in Peking was very cheap and was surprised to see that all dishes and cutlery came wrapped in Saran. There was a very lively social scene in the parks where people set up loudspeakers, turned on the music, and everyone could dance. Of course no one could leave China without visiting the Great Wall, which Andrew did. This astonishing creation extends over 6000 kilometers, with - of course - the section of the Wall nearest Beijing being full of tourists.

Taking the overnight train to Mongolia involved a 3 hour delay at the border to hoist each car and replace the undercarriage to fit the different railway gauge in Mongolia. Mongolia is a mixture of desert (the Gobi), mountains, and steppes. Most Mongolians follow a form of Buddhism. At this point, Andrew showed a photo of what looked like two bowls. In true schoolteacher fashion he asked us to guess what they were. No one could. They turned out to be the top of the skulls of two Buddhist holy men and drinking from these was meant to give energy. Andrew describes Mongolia as largely nomadic, very sparsely populated, and relatively prosperous. Of the total population of two million, half live in Ulan Bator, the capital. For much of his travels in Mongolia, he travelled by a Russian-made van since there are no roads in the countryside, and he slept in a "ger", a nomadic tent.

The Trans Siberian railway took Andrew to Lake Baikal. This unique body of water is 30 million years old, has a maximum depth of 1.25 km, and holds 20% of the world's fresh water.

For Andrew, the rest of the 4 day journey to Moscow was anti-climatic. The terrain looked like Northern Ontario, the sanitary facilities were primitive, and food was often unobtainable or of poor quality.

Completely opposite to what he had just come from, Moscow was prosperous, Red Square was full of shops, and the subway stations proved to be highly artistic and interesting. Andrew found Saint Petersburg very beautiful with lots of shopping, churches and magnificent buildings. Andrew's vivid descriptions demonstrated his keen eye and inquisitive mind.

Our very personable young speaker was well organized and his presentation was enjoyed by all.

Coming Speakers –

June 2 – Matt Jelly: "Our Own Backyard"

June 16 – Laurel Thompson & Colin Jacobs: "The Mobility Cup"

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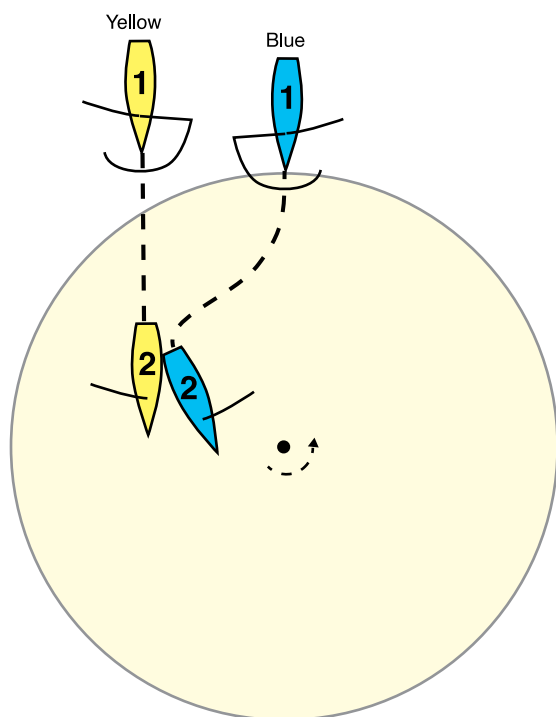
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Dispatches from the Jury Boat

By Kathy and Leo

Blue, on starboard tack and Yellow, on port tack were sailing dead downwind towards the leeward mark, which was to be left to port. The boats had been overlapped for a long time, with Blue inside and slightly ahead of Yellow. When Blue reached the zone, she luffed. As her bow came alongside the mark, Blue bore away to gybe and there was contact, with no injury or damage. Blue protested Yellow claiming that Yellow did not keep clear of a starboard boat and Yellow protested Blue for taking too much mark-room. How should the protests be decided?



In position 1, Blue has reached the zone and Yellow, on port, is required to keep clear of a starboard tack boat (rule 10). She is also required to give Blue mark-room. Blue, as right-of-way, is required to give Yellow room to keep clear as she changed course when she luffed (rule 16.1). Blue's other obligation is to not sail farther from the mark than her proper course before she gybed (rule 18.4).

The amount of mark-room Yellow must give Blue is the space Blue needed in the existing conditions to sail promptly to the mark in a seamanlike way which includes the room to gybe if that is part of the rounding. Normally Blue is entitled to a direct corridor from her position at the edge of the zone to a place close by and alongside the mark on the required side. But because Blue had right of way on starboard, she was not required to remain in that narrow corridor. She is permitted to sail any course provided she complied with rules 16.1 and 18.4.

Blue luffed gradually over the three lengths and Yellow made no effort to keep clear. At the moment Blue needed to take action to avoid Yellow, Yellow broke rule 10. There was room for Yellow to respond to Blue's luff, had Yellow acted promptly, so Blue did not break rule 16.1.

With respect to Blue's gybe just after position 2, she did not sail farther from the mark than she needed to sail her proper course before gybing. In the absence of Yellow, Blue may have sailed even farther from the mark and higher than she did to make a smoother, faster rounding. Blue did not break rule 18.4.

Because there was contact between the boats, rule 14 (avoiding contact) comes into play. Both boats broke rule 14 because it was reasonably possible for both to have avoided the contact. However, Blue cannot be penalized for her breach because she was the right of way boat and there was no damage or injury (rule 14(b)). Yellow is DSQ for breaking rules 10 and 14.

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			1	2	3 Ontario Sailing Clinic 6-9pm	4 Sailpast Ontario Sailing Clinic 9am-9pm
5 Ontario Sailing Clinic 9am-9pm	6 Adult Dinghy 10am-3pm Adult Basic Keel 6pm-9:30 pm	7 Adult Basic Keel 6pm-9:30 pm	8 Adult Dinghy 10am-3pm Adult Basic Keel 6pm-9:30 pm	9	10 Ontario Sailing Clinic 6-9pm	11 Ontario Sailing Clinic 9am-9pm Adult Keel 9-5pm
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19 Adult Keel 9-5pm	20 Adult Dinghy 10am-3pm Adult Basic Keel 6pm-9:30 pm	21 Adult Basic Keel 6pm-9:30 pm	22 Adult Dinghy 10am-3pm Adult Basic Keel 6pm-9:30 pm	23	24 Sips on Slips	25 Rock the Hammer/Laser Regatta Adult Keel 9-5pm
26 RTH/Laser Regatta Adult Keel 9-5pm	27	28	29	30	The Royal Hamilton Yacht Club	

RHYC CRUISES FOR 2011

It's time to mark your calendars for the upcoming RHYC Cruises. We have three cruises this year.

Saturday, July 16, 2011 Oakville Yacht Squadron

Having not visited Oakville for several years makes it a good place to start the season. It is a short sail that is perfect for new cruisers and the lovely lawn at OYS is for a perfect venue for cocktail hour.

Saturday & Sunday, July 30/31, 2011 (Civic Holiday Weekend) National Yacht Club

We have never cruised to National Yacht Club from RHYC or not at least in the last 10 years. Compared to any yacht club, NYC offers the best access to downtown Toronto. Take in a Blue Jay Game, go to the theatre or visit St. Lawrence Market, they are all within walking distance of NYC.

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 3/4, 2011 (Labour Day Weekend) Ashbridges Bay Yacht Club

Finally, we have the Labour Day Long Weekend at ABYC. It has almost become a tradition that our Labour Day Weekend Cruise includes the Toronto Air Show and 2011 will be no different.

We are doing something a little different this year: Doug and Janice Clark have volunteered to co-ordinate the National Yacht Club Cruise, [\(continued on page 9\)](#)

President's Report

It looks like spring has finally arrived, much to the relief of all of us who spent hours in the cold rain working on our boats. We can now enjoy the fruits of our labour. The Club looks fantastic due to volunteer's donating countless hours of their time and to improvements funded by the capital levy. I spent the May 24th weekend at my temporary slip on the front wall (our permanent slip is on Cayuga dock), and was impressed by all the happenings. Despite the poor weather forecast, the Club was a hive of activity including a wedding, a graduation and lots of sailing. It's good, once and a while, to change your location so you can gain a new perspective. The RHYC is a real treasure on the best harbour on Lake Ontario. I would invite all members to use the club as much as possible and to take advantage of all that is offered. Racing season has started, the sailing school is underway, the pool will be opening soon, not to mention the first of many regattas is in the books. Let's have a great summer.

Mark Easden
RHYC President

July 2011						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Lobsterfest	2 Adult Keel 9-5pm
3 Adult Keel 9-5pm	4 JR. SAIL SCH. Begins Adult Dinghy 6-9pm Adult Basic Keel 6pm-9:30 pm	5 Adult Basic Keel 6pm-9:30 pm	6 Adult Dinghy 6-9pm Adult Basic Keel	7	8	9 Adult Keel 9-5pm
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while Michael and Dianne Cox have volunteered to co ordinate the Ashbridges Bay Yacht Club Cruise. Debbie and I will handle the Oakville Yacht Squadron Cruise.

Sign-up for the cruises can be done one of two ways this year. You can register on the “sign-up” sheet that will be available in the Clubhouse or you can email each of the cruise co coordinators directly and they will register you.

Rick McQuin – OYS Cruise – rickmcquin@gmail.com
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 Michael Cox – ABYC Cruise – ahoymichaelcox@gmail.com
 When emailing please include: Your name, Boat Name, Boat Length, Boat Beam, and cell number.

Please ensure that everyone registers **by the Tuesday before** each cruise so that the list of boats can be supplied to the club that is being visited.

As the cruise dates get closer the Cruising Coordinators will be letting everyone know what social event has been organized.

If you have any questions regarding any of the cruises please do not hesitate to contact myself, Doug or Michael.

Rick McQuin - RHYC Cruise Coordinator

Crew Membership Application

Dear Club Members,

Did you know that your friends and crew who come down on Tuesday’s and Thursday’s, and enjoy our club racing , can also be a member of the club for only \$100? Yes it’s true. For only \$100, these folks can enjoy the club on race nights and regatta’s, and then have full signing privileges at the bar after racing. This membership is good only during our race nights, and has no pool privileges, no boat ownership privileges, no vote, but they certainly can have the privilege of buying YOU a beer and burger after racing! This is a great opportunity for your crew to be part of the club.

Attached please find a crew application form. Simply print it out, and then have your crew fill it in and drop this off along with payment at the bar. Contact the Office for more information about the Crew Membership Application.

Thank you

Russ Perry
Commodore

From The Office

A look out from any one of the club windows onto the patio offers a new view onto the lake! The **hedges have been removed**; they were overgrown and could not be cut back. The grass has been seeded and the lawn will be a thing of beauty this summer.

Steve Micallef and his team have been working really hard over the last month trying to improve the look of the grounds and harbour. The **inner-basin dock planking** was finished this week, greatly improving this area. The Club will have permanent moorage here going forward, creating additional dock revenue from this. For those regattas needing the launch ramps in the inner-basin, the RHYC will build wide, removable allowing multiple boats to launch at the same time.

The City started work on Cayuga this week and we anticipate this project will be finished within the month of June. There are a lot of anxious boaters who want to move back to their old slips on Cayuga. We thank these boaters for their patience and understanding during this very difficult time.

We are still waiting for the new tables and chairs for the Champions Room. They should be in at the end of June.

The pool will be open for the **Rock the Hammer Regatta** on the 25th of June. We are beginning work in this area within the next week or so.

Waterside Dining has begun at the RHYC every Friday and Saturday evening. There are new **Table D'hôte menus every week** for you to come out and try.

New this year is breakfast at the RHYC! The Club is now serving breakfast every weekend from 8am till noon. There are a variety of breakfast items on the menu for you to enjoy!

The **Wednesday work parties** have seen tremendous support from the membership over the last month or so. Every Wednesday starting at 5 pm you can come down to the Club and lend a hand for a few hours whether it is a bit of landscaping, or some painting touchups. Afterwards, enjoy a beverage and some eats with your fellow volunteers. Colin Jacobs is the contact person, but you do not have to sign-up – just show up!

We hope you enjoy the changes around your club.

Have a great season!

Ron Philp
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From: Emily Foster Head Instructor RHYC

This year is going to be a great one for the RHYC Jr. Sail program! Our coaching roster is filled with a mix of new & old coaches who are very excited to be at the RHYC this season.

We have made some changes to our programs this year to help improve the coaching given to our young sailors as well as offer some new programs to fill the gaps found in our program offerings last year.

Discover Boating & our LTR Team are both new offerings at the RHYC. Discover boating is for children ages 7-8 who are just entering the world of sailing; this program focuses on water confidence, balance in the boat, boat basics and having fun! The LTR Team is a stepping-stone for youth whose goals are to eventually be part of a longer, full-commitment, race team. This program attends fewer regattas and focuses on gaining confidence on the race course, working as a team and improving boat handling skills.

Our coaching line-up for the 2011 Season:

White Sail

Jacob Marsh

Mackenzie Brown

Alexandria Cushing

Liam McAuley (Teen W.S.)

Discover Boating

Lauren Nicholson

LTR Team

Justin Hall

Bronze Sail

Robyn Guyatt

Optimist Race Team

Samantha Taylor

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We look forward to seeing you on the water!
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