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March 2011

Commodore's Report

February was another busy month at the Club. For those who missed it, the Valentine's Dinner was wonderful. Again, special thanks to staff for the great food, and wonderful service, and to all volunteers who had the RHYC looking so wonderful.

We also had lots of fun at our "super bowl" event held at the Club. Thanks to VC Shelley and her husband Kyle for putting this on. A great job was done organizing the food and big screen TV.

Hamilton's first boat show was held over the Family Day long weekend. The RHYC had a booth there, and this generated a lot of interest in our club. Special thanks also go to Kathy Dyer for the wonderful design, and Colin Jacobs and Erik Beese who helped co-ordinate the weekend.

Thanks also to all those who attended our AGM, and for all their support. I think many members like the changes that are being made to our facilities and docks, and the renewed energy that is in the air.

In February, I made a presentation to Council at the City Hall on behalf of the Rotary Mobility Cup. We had unanimous support from Council to support this event with cash and in-kind donations. This event will be held from August 29 to September 2. Fund raising has gone well. Those donations will help run the event, but will also leave a legacy of docks, lifts and safety equipment that will not only support our Able Sail program, but our Junior Sail program as well. Please get involved in this! It will be the biggest regatta of the year with competitors from all over the world.

With the days getting longer and the temperatures warming up, most of us are thinking of our upcoming sailing and boating season. Lots of work has already been done to make sure we have great club racing, great regattas and great cruising.

I was also pleased to see so many of our crew out for our "crew night." What a great way to get ready for the summer ahead! Thanks to those who help us make it happen, as well as an opportunity to show off our newly redecorated club.

As we head into March thoughts of getting the boat ready become foremost in our minds. It won't be long now...about 45 sleeps for me and TOP GUN will be in the water again. I can't wait.

I look forward to seeing you around the Club.

Russ Perry

Commodore

Royal Patronage Renewed

I am pleased to announce that His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales has graciously renewed his Royal Patronage for our club. This honour is for a period of five years and renewable by petition to Clarence House in 2015.

His Royal Highness generously provided the club with a signed copy of his official sixtieth birthday portrait and that now hangs in the entrance to the club.

Colin Jacobs



Don Green, Ron Foxcroft and Bob Wercholz

Good Morning Hamilton Breakfast

On February 8, RHYC played host to a 'Good Morning Hamilton' Breakfast meeting of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce. On hand were Honorary Chair Don Green (left) and co-Chair Bob Wercholz (right) shown here with guest of honour Ron Foxcroft (middle). Foxcroft announced that his company, Fox 40 International, through their subsidiary, Fox 40 Marine was signing on as a major sponsor of the Rotary Mobility Cup 2011. The Rotary Mobility Cup takes place at RHYC from August 29 to September 2, 2011 and is a joint project with RHYC and BS&BC. Sailors with physical disabilities from Canada, the USA and Europe will compete in Martin 16s and Access dinghies. At the same time, RHYC will be running the North American Championships for the International 2.4mR class. The 2.4 is a paralympic boat that is sailed by both able and disabled sailors. For information visit the web site, www.mobilitycup2011.ca

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St. Patrick's Day

Friday, March 18th, 2011

Membership Appreciation

Friday, March 25th, 2011

Commodore's Bash

Saturday, April 9th, 2011

Kids Easter Party

Saturday, April 23rd, 2011

Easter Brunch

Sunday, April 24th, 2011

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In our usual fashion Shellbacks finished 2010 with our Christmas luncheon.

We have been lucky for the last few years to have Ryan Scott and Jack Packer entertain us with Christmas music. With Jack on the piano and Ryan on the recorder, we also joined in and attempted carols and other Christmas favourites. The one song that gets every one involved is The Twelve Days of Christmas. The group that gets the part "Five Golden Rings" usually is the loudest, if not the most musical, and most enthusiastic.

Starting our New Year once again, our speaker was Cdr. Bob Williamson. The title of his talk was "Gathering Places: Then and Now." His "Then and Now" series uses pictures to compare what areas of Hamilton looked like up to a hundred years ago with their present state. Some examples of this year's presentation included downtown and escarpment locations. The original town market was at McNab and Market Street and had a fountain. Today, there is now a fountain in a similar position in the roof garden on the upper level of Jackson Square. The theatre at the Delta is now a pizza shop and apartment building. A picture at the corner of Melrose and Cannon showed the corner stone of a church and the original Civic Stadium in the background, running north-south, which became Commonwealth Stadium, and then Ivor Wynne, now running east-west.

Stuart & Harvey, one of many wholesale grocers in Hamilton was pictured located at John and Main. This corner recently housed a gas station, but is now vacant land. The old Hamilton Civic Airport property is currently a suburban subdivision. The airport was home of the first airmail, the first passenger service and the first bomber squadron training. It had cement runways and night lighting, also a first.

With more fascinating comparisons of then and now, Bob Williamson will be returning once again next January for a new presentation that he is currently working on.

Coming speakers include –

- Feb. 17 – Steffen Suggett: "Ad lib, from Hamilton to the Bahamas"
- Mar. 3 – Richard Herrington: "The Arm Chair Sailor"
- Mar. 17 – Vicki and Henk Wondergem: "Nepal: An amazingly diverse country that offers something for everyone"
- April 7 – Rob Bryson: "Parrish & Heimbecker's recipe for a successful 100 years"

Volunteers!



The Rotary Mobility Cup is coming to the RHYC. As you know, this international event is being co-hosted by RHYC and BS&BC, with various responsibilities spread between the two clubs. The Race Committee chairs are Colleen Gravelle & Sean Hewson from BS&BC and the PRO is Irene McNeill. They are responsible for putting together a team of volunteers from both clubs for the race committee. We are in need of volunteers for the following: Safety assistants on the water, timers, scorers, sounds, pin boats and mark setters. If you can help in any of the above mentioned positions, please let Colleen know by contacting her at (905) 528-4758. This will be a very enjoyable and fulfilling experience for everyone involved. Please help us to make this outstanding international even. The Martin 16s will race for the Mobility Cup, Access dinghies for their Canadian Championship and the International 2.4mR will compete in their North American Championships. It's going to be a busy five days at the Club and on the water and lots for volunteers to do.

If you want to help, but would rather help on the shoreside, you can register to volunteer on the web site, www.mobilitycup2011.ca/volunteer. Colin Jacobs, Rotary Mobility Cup 2011 Committee

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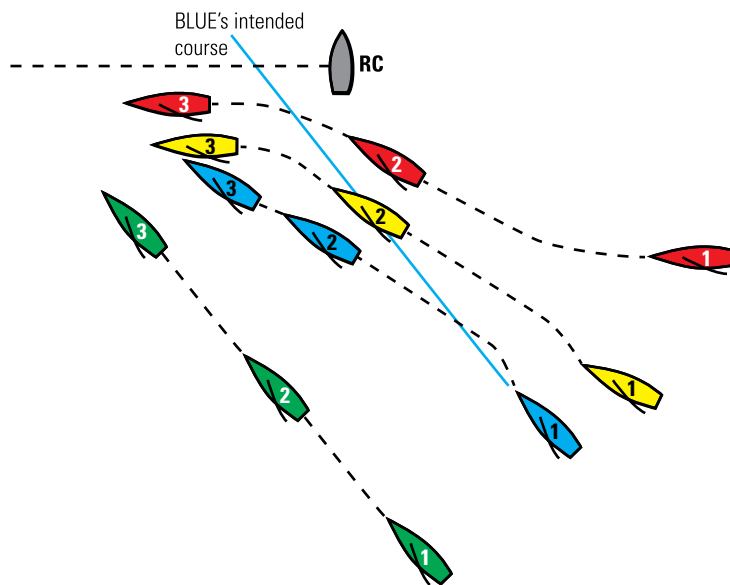
Dispatches from the Jury Boat

By Kathy and Leo

This incident begins 30–45 seconds before the starting signal. Because these boats are approaching a starting mark to start, rule 18 (mark-room) does not apply and Red is not entitled to room to pass between Yellow and the committee boat. If Red were not there, Yellow would similarly not be entitled to room from Blue. Rule 11 (on the same tack, overlapped) is the applicable rule, requiring the windward boats to keep clear of the leeward boats. Therefore Blue must keep clear of Green, Yellow must keep clear of Blue, and Red must keep clear of Yellow. In position 1, rule 11 is not broken as each leeward right-of-way boat is able to sail her course with no need to take avoiding action. Green and Blue are heading for a nice start with Blue positioning herself to start right at the committee boat. Blue's luff just after position 1, in preparation to shut the door on Yellow at the committee boat, is legal because Yellow has room to keep clear when Blue changes course.

It is when Red comes barging in at position 2 that the problems begin. Yellow is forced to bear away to avoid Red, so Red is not keeping clear of Yellow, a leeward boat. In turn, Blue is not able to sail her course without bearing away to avoid Yellow, so Yellow is also breaking rule 11 by not keeping clear of a leeward boat. In position 2, if Yellow were to luff Red, she risks breaking rule 16.1 (changing course) by driving Red into the committee boat, depriving Red of room to keep clear when she changes course. Yellow would also risk breaking rule 14 (avoiding contact) if her change of course resulted in contact with Red. Blue's actions are also limited by rules 16.1 and 14.

In position 3, there are 10 seconds remaining before the starting signal. Red further compounds the problem between positions 2 and 3,



when she bears away to avoid being over the starting line early. Yellow bears away to comply with rule 14 and avoids contact with Red. Yellow is not keeping clear of Blue to leeward of her because of Red, and a collision between Blue and Yellow is imminent. Shortly after position 3, Green will need to change course to avoid Red, Yellow and Blue, so all three boats will break rule 11.

Green protests Blue, Blue protests Yellow and Yellow protests Red. The three protests are heard together because there is only one incident. The protest committee decides that Red, Yellow and Blue all broke rule 11. Red is disqualified for her breach. Yellow and Blue are exonerated under rule 64.1(c) (penalties and exoneration) because Red's breach of rule 11 compelled them to break rule 11. As for the contact between Blue and Yellow, it was not reasonably possible for either boat to avoid the contact, so neither boat broke rule 14.

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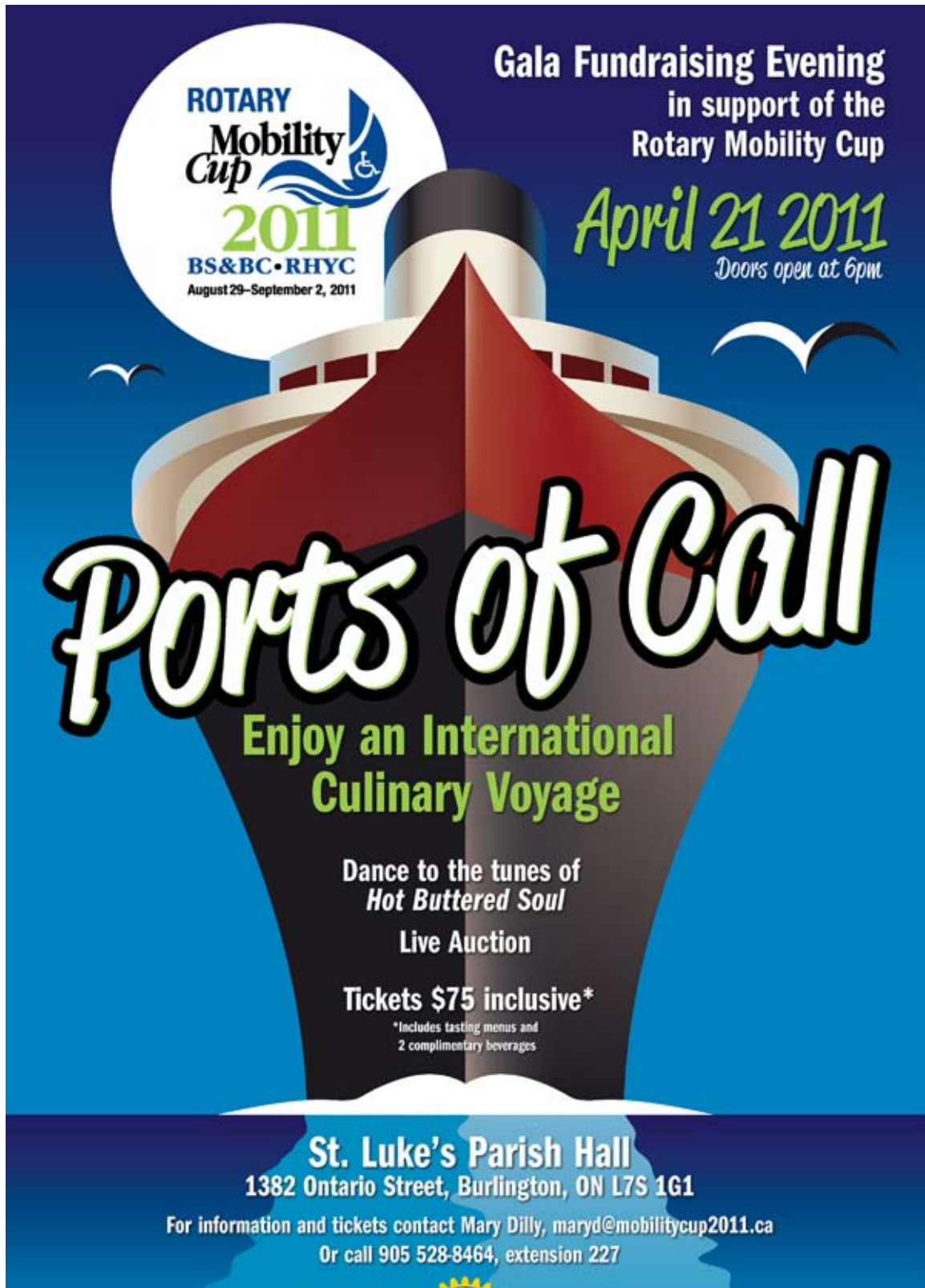
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From The Office

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Club on February 24th. The meeting was well attended with over 60 members and spouses coming out.

A number of items were discussed. One in particular saw the passing of a motion for a \$200 capital levy to go towards the renovations of the RHYC.

This was done several years ago leading to the renovations of the Evergreen lounge, along with new ceiling tiles and lights throughout.

This time around, we want to finish off the renovations at the bar and the Champions Room. There will be new ceiling tiles installed, along with energy saving lighting. New tables and chairs will be purchased also, as well as additional touchups around the Champions room. Outside the clubhouse will see additional patio chairs and tables, along with new planks on the inner basin dock. In addition, all the money raised from this capital levy will be put towards the various projects before the summer allowing members to enjoy the updated facilities almost immediately. *(continued on page 7)*

From The Office *(continued from page 6)*

The renovations that were done in January have been very well received by both members and guests. Once again a lot of hard work was done by volunteers to make the bar and coat check room look the way they do. A thank you again to all those involved in this project.

Going forward, the office will invoice the members for the capital levy over the next month allowing us to do all the needed work before the high season.

The club will be looking for volunteers to help with the individual projects. If you can donate a little time over the next two months, please contact me directly at sail@rhyc.ca

On another note, we are still in negotiations with the City to see work done to Cayuga dock before the season begins. We will hopefully have an answer within the next two weeks. The work requested would see new fender boards as well as dock planks replaced.

In the food department, we are working on a new summer menu to be put in place by April 1st. The two-for-one evenings have been very successful and will run till the end of April. There will a new "Wine of the Month" starting in March. Look for it on the lunch and dinner menus. The lunch specials are the best deal in town at only \$7.99. Come down and see for yourself!

For the summer, most of the staff has been hired for the pool and Junior Sail. We welcome back Emma Wilson as Head Lifeguard and Emily Foster as Head Instructor. Amy Klokoft is back in the office as Coordinator Adult Learn to Sail and is doing a great job.

The Hamilton Boat Show was very successful and saw many inquiries concerning membership and sailing lessons. Thank you to those volunteers that came down to help the Club at the show. We will certainly do this again next year!

With the warm weather only a month away, we are gearing up to have another great season at the RHYC. Bring your friends down to help you enjoy your club!

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“The Lobster Chronicles”,
by Linda Greenlaw, Hyperion, New York, 2002

This afternoon’s read is like visiting a friend. Greenlaw, writing as if chatting across a coffee table, catches up with the reader about her (un?)settled life of lobster fishing with her parents in a small island community off the coast of Maine. At forty, Greenlaw is famous for her eye-opening book on long-line swordfishing and her role as Captain of the sister ship in the “Perfect Storm”. Unlike the excitement of those roles, this book is introspective, with many threads running throughout. Linda explores the fisherman’s fear (or lack thereof) of the profession; female temperament; the prospect of finding a husband at her age; her mother’s breast cancer; her relationship with her Dad; lobsters’ sex and mating life; social dynamics of small island life; shipwreck and survival; and of course, lobster fishing. As you follow these threads, you realize that you are coming to many loose ends. Turning the last page, you are sorry you have to leave and find yourself looking forward to the next “visit” with Linda Greenlaw.

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