



NEW HORIZONS

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November 2010

Commodore's Report

Where has the year gone? This had to be one of the nicest summers in recent memory. If I were to thank all those by name who helped make it so exciting I know I would forget someone, but here goes. First of all thanks to all my Bridge for being so supportive and working so hard on your behalf. Special thanks go to Wendy Johncox our VC of Social who stepped down this October. Special thanks to all those who were part of the Social Committee and help organize the many wonderful events we had this year.

Thanks to all those who helped make our pool and grounds look so wonderful this year. Especially I would like to recognize, Kathy Hagen and Margaret Jones as well as the rest of the garden committee who did such a marvelous job, often paying for the plants out of their own pocket. Thanks also to the folks on the Pool Committee who have worked very hard to help make it a more enjoyable place to "hang out."

Our sailing committee under VC George Tinsley did a marvelous job in getting the best possible racing for all our members. Special thanks go to our Race Committee, fleet captains and race organizers. We are surely going to miss Shelly Vaughn when she moves out east this fall. Past commodore Bill Cheek has been instrumental in helping get out RC boat ready and training the crew. Bill's help has been invaluable.

Also I would be remiss if I did not mention VC Colin Jacobs. He has done so much around the Club helping get our docks and boats in better shape. Thank you, Colin! Also special recognition to all those who help Colin, raised a flag pole, put up an awning, or hit a few nails for us.

We had wonderful reports from parents and participants alike about our sailing school program. D'Arcy Wilson with the help of our Sail Training Committee and our wonderful coaches made for another exciting season.

"Regattas are what we do!" If it were not for all our wonderful regatta organizers, registrars, judges, race officers, t-shirt sellers, lunch organization, the list goes on... we just could not do this. Thank you all for being part of "what we do." Also thanks to folks like Tony van Schie and Ray Kirkham who help look after the RHYC sailing boats so well.

Special thanks also to our very special staff who looked after us all so well this year. We will have lots of activities planned for the winter months to keep us involved and in touch with each other.

Also thank you to Sonya de Laat who puts together our wonderful New Horizons Newsletter each month. *(continued on page 4)*



Update from Docks and Boats

The Commodore Penny is unloaded off the boat-trailer in the dry-sail compound for the winter. This will allow for easier maintenance work to be performed on the boat through the fall and spring. It also represents significant cost saving for the Docks & Boats budget. All Club boats functioned well throughout the year and with regular maintenance will continue to do so. Mother Goose will be receiving a large amount of TLC this winter and we're looking for a newer used motor for her. Any leads on an inexpensive, working order, 40+hp motor will be eagerly pursued. Budgets for 2011 have been approved and further work on dock rehabilitation will commence in the spring. Thanks to Ron and Steve for their mechanical expertise in winterizing our Club motor boats and for facilitating the move of the Penny to the dry sail area.

Colin Jacobs
VC Docks and Boats

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Social Committee News

Hello RHYC Members !

My name is Shelley Bengier. I am the new VC Social. It is the goal of our committee to make your experiences at the club memorable and fun. To make that happen, we need your help !

Very simply, just let me know what kind of social events you have enjoyed in the past and what events you might like to see. There are lots of ways you can contact me. You can email me at scubashell@rogers.com, call me at 519-220-0049, talk to me in person, or leave a note for me in the office or at the bar.

We are looking for a few new faces on the Social Committee. You can volunteer, once or all the time... It's your choice.

Here are a few events coming up for you and your family to look forward to:

- Kids Halloween & Christmas Parties
- Adults Halloween Party
- New Years Eve
- January -70/80's retro dance
- February - Superbowl Party
- March – St. Patty's Kitchen Party

Next spring we are planning an event for our young people – maybe a Battle of the Bands??

Remember this is OUR club and if we want it to be fun (and successful) we need to support it.

Looking forward to socializing with you all soon.

Shelley Bengier
VC Social

Editor's Note:

Editor's Note: The mystery sailors from October's issue who hit 12.4 knots in 48.3 knots of wind at the end of September are none other than Paul Draper and his rockstar crew member Brenda. Congratulations for those who guessed their identity correctly, sorry there is no prize.



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Bruce Wood, CEO of The Hamilton Port Authority (HPA), gave a focused and informative talk at the September 16th Shellbacks Meeting. Canada's ports add 30 billion dollars to the nations GDP. Hamilton's port is tenth in size and has a considerable impact on the city. The HPA manages 9000 metres of wharf, two million square feet of warehouse space, and six hundred acres of area. Currently traffic is 800 vessels a year.

At present 70% of cargo is tied to the steel industry, so the HPO is trying to diversify by partnering with the City of Hamilton to attract new companies, by building infrastructure for cargo that needs to be protected from rain, and by increasing other cargo such as grain shipping and storage. The port provides lock-down gates, security access cards, electronic gates and security cameras.

Objectives for the HPA are to grow the business, to be profitable and to publicize the advantages of marine transport. Marine transport is cheaper, is a green alternative with lower emissions per ton, and can lessen highway congestion. The HPA is involved with the clean-up of Randall Reef, and with planning for use of the containment structure as a marine facility.

Bruce Wood's concluding remarks stated that encouraging marine transport through Government support, policy changes, tax incentives and tonnage rebates would result in a cost effective and green advantage for Canada.

Ivon Fournier, an ex-policeman, started X Police in Hamilton for the purpose of defending traffic tickets and driving related criminal code offences. His business has since grown to over 10 locations in Ontario. Ivon himself has worked for over 15 years for both the Toronto Police Department and the OPP and believes more could be done to assist people that are charged. Many of his staff also have police experience. He discussed the penalties that one can have when in an accident, speeding, stopped for impaired driving, and more. Even minor convictions can affect insurance premiums, points, and one's driving or criminal record.

Topics Ivon covered included: moving over a lane for any emergency vehicles, the zero tolerance rules for adults 21 and under, right-of-way for buses, the mandatory written test for driver 80 years and older, when to report an accident, the reporting rules in Hamilton, and suggested response when in an accident.

X Police do win cases, they go to court for you and keep your record clean. When Ivon told of the possible rise in insurance costs, their slogan seems appropriate "Pay us a little or your insurance a lot!" Many questions followed his informative presentation.

Our Coming Speakers include-

Nov. 4 - Don Robertson "Cruises –"New ships with exciting new itineraries"

Nov. 18 - Richard Collins, Mississauga Museum Interpreter-
" Port Credit and its Harbour -175 years old"

Dec. 2 – Rodger Metcalfe and Colin Brown "The Lake Ontario 300"

Dec. 16 – Shellbacks Christmas Luncheon

2010 Sail Training

**Silent Auction & Book Sale
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Also

We are currently seeking all forms of donations to the silent auction such as life jackets, handbags, jewelry, gourmet goody baskets through to Leaf's tickets and an excellent private parking spot right out front at the Club!

Item donations can be dropped off at the RHYC office! If you require a letter of request for a potential sponsor, please let us know!

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Commodore's Report

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I would be remiss if I did not also thank our Board who worked tirelessly on your behalf.

By the time you read this, we will have had our elections meeting with some new faces on our Bridge and Board. Special thanks to all those who have served this past year. I would like to welcome all those who have so willingly decided to give of their time to serve you our members and our wonderful club. Both the Board and the Bridge will be looking for and indeed need members to help and participate in all our various committee's that make our club run smoothly.

2011 will be a year of great challenges and opportunities. We look forward to see you all around the club.

Russ Perry
Commodore



Vice commodore, Yachting, George Tinsley and his crew (l-r, Dave Volans, George Tinsley, John Tinsley, Al Molloy), depart the inner basin aboard Jumbo Dumbo on Sunday October 24 to retrieve the club racing marks. George commented that next year he'd appreciate a younger crew to lift the marks or a defibrillator on board.

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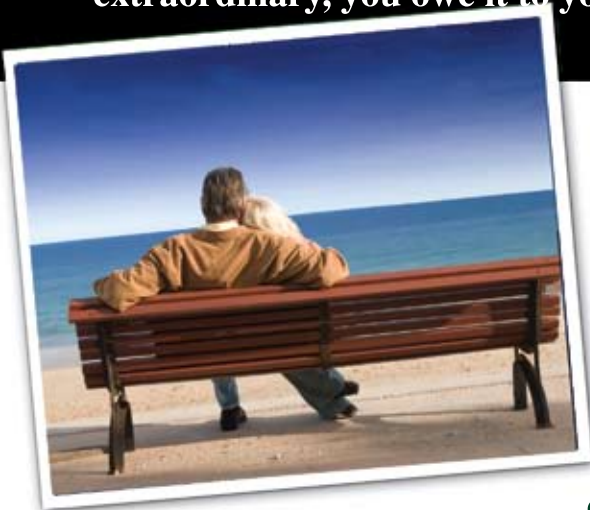
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Taught as in a classroom setting, the student will learn the navigational theory required to safely navigate a vessel in coastal or inland waters. A recognized Navigation standard is now prerequisite to the CYA Intermediate Cruising and Power Standards. The Coastal Navigation Standard is applied practically and tested in both the Intermediate and the Advanced Cruising Standard.

The course will start Saturday October 23, 9:00 – 4:00, and will run weekly until December 4 (Missing Nov 13 for the Able Sail Book Sale and Junior Sailing Silent Auction – Neither are to be missed).

The tentative schedule following the textbook is:

October 23 – Section 1 – Introduction, Section 2 – Aids to Navigation and Chart Symbols, and Section 3 – The Navigator's Compass

October 30 – Section 4 – Correcting the Compass and Section 5 - Plotting Basics

November 6 – Section 6 – Getting Your Bearings and Section 7 – More on Bearings

November 13 - Off – You will have some homework – Section 10 - 50 mile Cruise Around Conception Bay, Newfoundland

November 20 – Section 8 - Coping with Current and Section 9 - Lee-way and Tidal Waters

November 27 – Review the Cruise and Course - Exam – 1:00 – 4:00

December 4 – Exam Review...

There is some homework but most will be completed in the classroom.

All course material is included except for a pencil and eraser for plotting. A plastic course plotter is also included, although you may elect to purchase more sophisticated / elegant navigational instruments after the first class or as an early Christmas present to yourself...

Cost of the Course is \$325.00 plus HST. I have asked that it be included as part of the online registration through the club but that is often slow to happen. In the mean time, to register, please phone in your in your payment (credit card) to the club (Belinda) and e-mail me in order that I can add you to the class list. Class size is limited to 12 based on chart laydown space. (I do have a class list started with 3 on it.)

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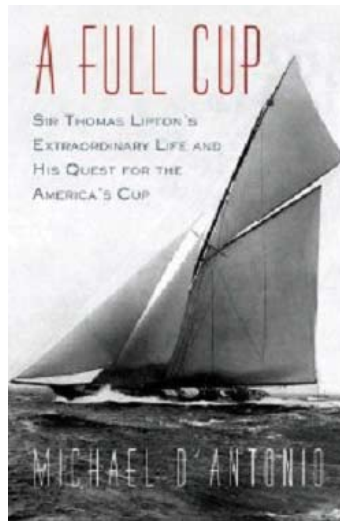
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A Full Cup

by Michael D'Antonio, Riverhead Books, New York, 2010

D'Antonio brings Sir Thomas J. Lipton, the "international bachelor businessman celebrity," to life in this rags-to-riches story of the famous grocer and tea merchant. It begins with Lipton as a boy growing up in the poorest part of Glasgow and follows his business affairs around the world up to his death in Osidge, London. Throughout, the author's underlying theme focuses on the socio-economic differences between Britain and America, causing Lipton to spend most of his time abroad. Despite the picture on the dust jacket, it is not directly about boats, sailing or racing. Only one third of the book follows Sir Thomas's five challenges for the America's Cup. The basic facts of the challengers such as designer, builder, skipper, length, displacement and sail area are identified. D'Antonio also describes the NYYC's determination to remain unbeatable by manipulating the Cup rules. Beyond that, the Cup segments are very anecdotal, highlighting Lipton's personality, his circle of friends and many interviews with reporters. In fact, one cannot help but feel we never begin to understand Lipton as a person, since so much that we know of him was presented to the press as promotional hype. The reader will come away dissatisfied with the realization that Lipton never shared his inner emotions with anyone. To his credit, D'Antonio has told Lipton's story well: definitely a more entertaining read than Capt Nat Herreshoff, The Wizard of Bristol by Francis Herreshoff, but less dramatic than America's Victory by David W. Shaw.

Richard Herrington
RHYC Book Reviewer



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My wife Karen and our daughter Holly are the proud owners of a recently purchased Monk 36 trawler named Singularity. I have sailed most of his life, learning to sail with my father on a wooden Thunderbird sailboat at Whitby YC. We returned to Hamilton in 2005 and joined RHYC when we purchased a Hunter 326 sailboat. I am the General Manager for a national legal firm in Hamilton. I look forward to serving as the President of RHYC.

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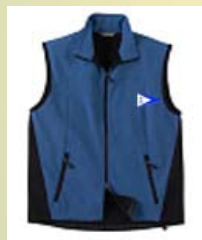
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Thank you for your cooperation,

Colin Jacobs
VC Docks and Boats

From The Office

Only 5 more months till launch!

On that note, all the boats are on the hard for another winter.

We have put Commodore Penny in the dry sail area this year for the first time, saving the club storage costs. We are trying to promote this area to the membership for next year, as we can offer a better storage rate. We are also looking into what we can do to step and un-step masts for the membership, as well as mast storage, for 2011.

The club is getting spruced up with painting going on around the dining room and bathrooms. We are looking at doing something with the cloakroom by making it accessible from inside the club. This would also allow us to clean up the lobby and make it look more presentable.

A big tip of the hat to Kathy Hagan as she has done a great job with the gardens this year. From the front of the club, to the flower bed by the visitors dock, she has done wonders!

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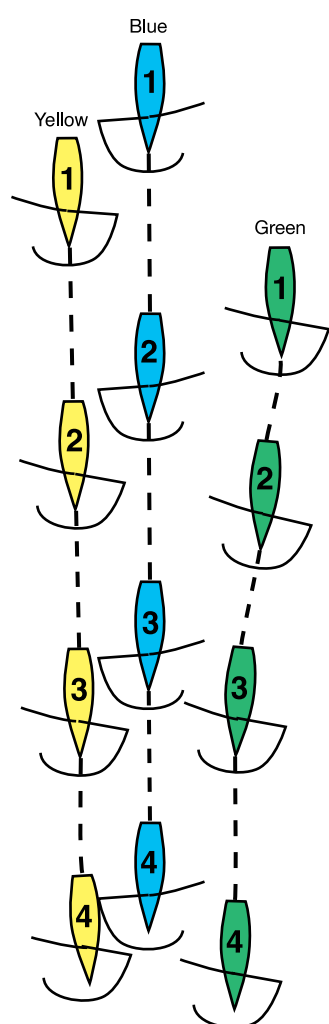
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Dispatches from the Jury Boat

By Kathy and Leo

Blue on starboard tack and Yellow and Green on port tack were sailing dead downwind towards the leeward mark. Blue overtook Yellow and Green and sailed between them. The three boats were on slightly converging courses. There was contact between Blue and Green at position 3 and between Blue and Yellow at position 4. Green protested Blue claiming that Blue had broken rule 19.2(c) (giving room at an obstruction) because the leeward boat (Yellow) was a continuing obstruction to Green, and Blue had no right to sail between them. How should this protest be decided?

Green has overcomplicated this situation by trying to apply rule 19. In reality, only the most basic rules apply. Blue is on starboard and both Yellow and Green must keep clear of her (rule 10; on opposite tacks). Green must also keep clear of Yellow because she is to windward and on the same tack as Yellow (rule 11; on the same tack, overlapped).



Green's claim that Blue broke rule 19.2(c) fails because Yellow cannot be considered a continuing *obstruction* because according to the definition of *obstruction*, a boat *racing* is never a continuing *obstruction*.

The other parts of rule 19 also do not apply because the second last sentence of the definition of *obstruction* says "... a boat racing is not an obstruction to other boats unless they are required to keep clear of her or, if rule 22 (capsized, anchored or aground; rescuing) applies, avoid her." At no time was there an obstruction that any two of the boats were passing on the same side: Yellow was not an *obstruction* to either Blue or Green because only Green was required to keep clear of her; starboard tack Blue was an obstruction to both Yellow and Green on port, but at no time were they passing Blue on the same side, and; Green was not an obstruction to Yellow or Blue because neither of them had to keep clear of her.

By not keeping clear of Blue, both Yellow and Green broke rule 10. Because there was contact, rule 14 (avoiding contact) must also be considered. Both Yellow and Green broke rule 14 because it was reasonably possible for each of them to have avoided contact with Blue. Blue however, was trapped between Yellow and Green and as the boats converged it was not reasonably possible for her to avoid contact once it became clear that they were not keeping clear, therefore Blue did not break rule 14.

Yellow was not a party to Green's protest and according to rule 64.1(a) (decisions; penalties and exoneration) cannot be penalized for breaking any rule. If during the hearing, the protest committee found that the incident between Blue and Yellow was part of the same incident as Blue

and Green and that Yellow may have broken a rule, they could have stopped the hearing and used rule 60.3(a)(2) to initiate a protest against Yellow, but did not.

Ultimately, it was Blue's choice to not protest Yellow. Unless there is injury or serious damage, a protest committee, more often than not, will leave the task of protesting to competitors. Therefore the final outcome of this protest is only Green is disqualified for breaking rules 10 and 14.

From The Office

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Another thank you goes to Ed Jocelyn for his donation of topsoil which kept Steve Micallef busy for several days spreading out the soil around Admirals Row and the visitors dock. This area will look great next year as the grass sprouts.

We are slowly working on cleaning up the hedges by the visitors dock. Years of neglect have caused the bushes to become overgrown, and we had to cut some of the hedges down when we were replacing the visitors dock boards. The plan is to try and trim back the bushes so that they are kept at a manageable height and are easily maintained. When we replace the boards on inner basin, we will unfortunately have to trim back some of the bushes. We will look at replacing the lighting as well as the water line when we do this work. Last spring we replaced the hydro cable to the inner basin and visitors dock so we will not have this cost again this year.

Christine Green and I have been building a capital replacement list for the club. This includes the building as well as the docks. This list now gives us an idea as to what the club will need financially to replace or repair our capital assets over the next 10 years or so. This list will also help us prioritize what we have to do this year at the club.

We have introduced a new two for one menu on Thursday nights at the club. The menu is different every week, and best of all it allows you and your better half to come to the club and have a very nice dinner for only \$24.95 for the both of you! We hope you enjoy it.

Ron Philp
General Manager

Past President's Report

Dear fellow members,

I would like to extend my thanks to the members who participated in our recent Elections meeting and hope to see many of you attend our annual AGM in February 2011. This is your opportunity to meet the Board and Bridge, catch up on club operations and learn about exciting opportunities for the coming season. Your active participation ensures you have a voice in RHYC plans.

Annette and I have been members since 2002 and our entire family enjoy the benefits that RHYC brings to this community. The past two years as your Club President has been an honour. I've come to realize there is much more going on 'behind the scenes' than most of us appreciate. Amongst other things, this has taught me that a large portion of both our operations and club progress depends on the efforts of volunteer members. This is the perfect opportunity for me to extend my heartfelt appreciation and thanks to those volunteers. We have made some significant progress over the past two years and it is the Board, Bridge and working committees who have made it happen. Thank you.

I want to congratulate the new Board and Bridge members who have just joined the RHYC leadership team and thank those who have served during my tenure as President. I will now focus on transferring my knowledge and handing over the baton to Mark Easden, your new President. Please join me in welcoming Mark.

Sincerely,

Len Verhey,
Past President
RHYC Board of Directors



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Books and Baskets

November 13 is the date for the Sail Training Silent Auction and the book sale for Able Sail. We have additional books for the sale this year from Colin Daniel's library. We are requesting that any members who have nautical books of any kind (true stories, technical books and fiction) and would like to donate them to the sale, to please drop them off at the club in the office. This is also a great time for you to stock up on a new collection of books!

We also need baskets for the Silent Auction to be used to make up baskets to display items for the sale. These can also be dropped off at the office.

Thanks
Jenny McEwen-Hill

Coming This Fall!

Annual Sail Training Silent Auction and Book Sale Fundraiser

Date: 13 Nov 2010

We urgently need volunteers to help with organizing the following activities:

- Advertising
- Collecting auction items
- Recording items
- Room set-up and take-down
- Payment station and other tasks.

If you would like to help, please contact a member of the Sail Training Committee:

VC - D'Arcy Wilson
Jenny Hill
Rich Jones
Chuck Sweet
Ray Kirkham
Bonnie McAuley