



# Ripples

April 2005



## From The Bridge Deck

The Board, VC House Ceri Hugill and I are very excited to announce that we have formed a relationship with owners of the Le Metro Restaurants and Bakery to run the Youngstown Yacht Club food and beverage operation. I'm sure many of you have enjoyed their food and fresh bread at one of their two locations on Elmwood Ave. or Main Street in Williamsville.

Partners Maura Crawford and Vince McConeghy have been working together for many years to provide creative dining. They were original partners in the The Left Bank restaurant before moving on to open the Le Metro locations. Their bakery supplies fresh bread to many of the fine restaurants throughout Buffalo, and will supply bread to the Club. Maura has many years of experience in food and banquet service and is always looking to provide unique menus and meals in what she calls "The Le Metro Way". Vince also has a great deal of food service and restaurant management experience. He is originally from Lewiston and is thrilled to be branching out into Niagara County where he still has many family and friends.

We have had several different concessionaires over the past few years and I think all of you would agree that this past year Julie Cornelius and Catherine Stella did a terrific job managing our operations. They clearly elevated the food quality and service to a professional level. Their dedication and hard work was apparent in everything they did. We applaud their efforts and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Having a relationship with an organization with the strength of the Le Metro group will provide the consistency and strength our Club needs for the future. Food service is only a part of our organization but it is very important that we have a successful operation that appeals to the broad needs of our membership. I am extremely confident that Maura and Vince have the experience and creativity to make your Club a preferred destination for a fish fry, a fine steak or just a cold beer.

You are likely aware by now that the Club restaurant and bar will be closed for the month of April while we spruce up the paint and do some cleaning. Watch your Weekly Waves newsletter for regular updates on our Grand Reopening and future entertainment events. Spring is here and summer will soon follow. It won't be long before we are sailing and enjoying drinks under the awning.

## Videophone Service Restored

We have recently had some very good news regarding the Immigration Videophone which is located on the Youngstown Village Green between YYC and Williams Marine. Last year, funding for the videophones was cut, and they rarely worked. This caused many headaches for both visiting yachts from Canada and US citizens returning home.

The good news, according to Sandy Mies, President of the Lower Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce, is that funding has been restored and the phones have been refurbished. It is anticipated that the phones will be reinstalled within the next few weeks, making them available for all incoming boaters this sailing season.

Even better news is that there will now be a dedicated staff person to man both the videophones and the 800 number for boat traffic. Last year, the videophone staffer had to also process pedestrian traffic, which often meant that the phone rang off the hook while the pedestrian was being interviewed.

Another way to alleviate videophone issues is to apply for your NEXUS card. If you return to the US with a NEXUS card, you do not have to call Immigration upon your arrival. Josie has blank NEXUS card applications at the YYC office, or you can go on line to <http://cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/travel/nexus/menu-e.html> for more information. Upon entry to Canada by boat, you are still required to call in to Customs/Immigration for clearance, even if you have a NEXUS. P.C. Melanie Tisdale

## YYC Members Enjoy Reciprocity with over 700 Clubs in America

One of the benefits of Club membership is reciprocity with over 700 yachting clubs in America. In addition to the clubs listed in our Yearbook, as members of the Yachting Club of America (YCA) we are welcomed at yachting and sailing clubs from coast to coast.

YCA was founded in 1963. Its Board of Governors and Founding Members, including actor John Wayne, set forth principals designed "to serve the advancement of yachting."

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Yep, this is the **REAL** April issue of Ripples. The *Special Edition* published on April 1st was the **April Fool's** issue. Hope you enjoyed the zany yarn we spun!  
 Ray Volpe, Club Secretary



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### High-Tech Whale-Watcher Puts to Sea

The *Song of the Whale II*, captained by sailor Richard McLanaghan, put to sea early last year from London's St. Katharine's Dock. The March issue of *Sailing* reports that Captain McLanaghan, son of YYC member Elaine McLanaghan and the late Roy McLanaghan, wintered the ship in Palma, Mallorca where it was fitted out for its first mission this month, "tracking populations of porpoises from Gibraltar to the Canary Islands."

The 72-foot Simon-Rogers-designed steel-hulled cutter "achieve[s] our other key objectives of a quiet, efficient and easily maneuvered vessel," said McLanaghan. Richard has reason to be proud, having spent several years being intimately involved in both the design and construction of *Song of Whale II*.

Launched with fan fare by James Bond actor Pierce Brosnan, the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) non-invasive research vessel uses "high-tech gadgetry that would make even James Bond envious," reports *Sailing*. Her reliance on wind power "would have made Jacques Cousteau, pioneer of the non-invasive research vessel, proud." Below decks, the cutting-edge whale and marine-life research vessel houses computer and communications equipment that enable it "to upload images and [data] files directly to the Internet for viewing by school groups and the media."

Captain McLanaghan was bit by the sailing bug early in life and sailed many times on Lake Ontario with his father and Elaine on *Cachette*, the family's Pearson 30. Prior to joining IFAW, Richard worked delivering boats. His first Atlantic crossing involved recovering a stolen yacht for a Dutch insurance company. After a six-week layover in Rio

See *Song of the Whale II* on page 9



PC Ross and VC MaryAlice Eckert have a grandson. Their son Kevin and his wife Lynn brought Benjamin Ross Eckert into the world on January 15th. It may take a few years but there is a Jr. Sailor in the making!

1st Lt. Bryan Mackey, former YYC Junior Sailor and part-time summer employee of RCR Yachts, is deployed in Iraq with US Army Special Forces. Bryan gets emails at: [causticnd@yahoo.com](mailto:causticnd@yahoo.com) and regular mail at: 10th SFG-2/10; Mackey, Bryan; FOB 102; APO, AE 09334.

Jordan Paxhia recently finished two half-marathons and also swims and bicycles competitively in and around Boston. She is working toward her graduate degree in special education and teaches full-time. This summer she will be teaching sailing again for Sail Caribbean.

Mark and Lisa Shapiro are new Intermediate members who will be sailing their recently-acquired J/22 out of YYC this summer. Mark is an airline pilot and Lisa is an accountant. Mark sailed in college at Michigan State. They are very active sailors and will be good for the Club and for the J/22 fleet.

A team from YYC finished fourth in the Beneteau First 36.7 North American Championship in San Diego in March. The crew included Melanie Tisdale, Paul Cannon, Jim Carminati, Mike Bowley, Scott Walter, Mark Shapiro, and was co-skipped by Gary Tisdale and Don Finkle.

Morgan Paxhia is the A Skipper for the URI sailing team and will earn his degree as a math major in May. He is looking for a job in the Newport, RI area after graduation.

Chelsea Simon, daughter of John & Lori Simon and a member of YYC's Junior sailing team, will be attending the College of Charleston this fall. She will be entering the honors program and plans to participate in intercollegiate sailing.

We are saddened to report the passing of Bob Olson, a long time member of Youngstown Yacht Club (1975-2005). His son Bruce writes that Bob thoroughly enjoyed the friendships that he made at the Club, that he loved sailing with his many friends at YYC. Bob passed peacefully of natural causes in his sleep on February 17, 2005. His family was with him. He passed along his love of sailing to his family. "Our Song continues to sail out of YYC and he was at the helm this summer and he was one happy man!"

We are also saddened to report the death of John E. Crysler, a Youngstown resident and active member of the Club since 1994. John is survived by his son Dr. John G. Crysler, also of Youngstown. John loved sailing and was often seen at the helm of *Sequoia*, a hearty Nauticat 36. John would have been 65 in June.




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**Special Membership Meeting**  
**Wednesday April 27 at 7 p.m.**

As reported previously, the Board has called for a special membership meeting to share information on current initiatives and to review our financial position and future needs. This is an important meeting that everyone should plan on attending.

**Club Restaurant, Bar Closed Until May**

The Club restaurant and bar will be closed for the month of April. We will use this opportunity to freshen up the Club with new paint and cleaning.

The inconvenience that this temporary shutdown may cause is regrettable but necessary to perform needed work around the Club.

Please pass the word to fellow members that we will be closed for the next few weeks, and watch for announcements on our Grand Reopening in May when *Le Metro* takes over management.

**Ripples Mailings**

Based on replies to our recent membership survey, starting in April *Ripples* will be mailed to only those members that requested a printed copy. Other members will receive the full-color Adobe issue distributed from the Web. Thanks to you, the Club is saving the cost of printing and mailing 200 copies of the newsletter each month.

We hope that you will continue to enjoy our experimentation with *Ripples*. As always, your comments, suggestions, and -- better yet, articles, pictures and the latest buzz are welcomed.



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## Board Reports

### Harbormaster

I am writing this in advance of what I hope to be the end of winter and some warmer spring-like weather. I was flying back to Buffalo last week and got a good first hand look at the Lake Erie Ice Pack. My observations are that the pack is not solid and with a little help from Mother Nature, could dissipate (see Ice Pack News on page 7). I have received a few requests for mooring positioning. Given the short period of time that RCR has to assemble the mooring field, I would expect to notify them of any consideration in advance of the 2005 mooring placement.

Again, I am anxious to hear from Club members who are able to volunteer as the Duty Officer during the upcoming summer.

I have also been asked to broach the subject of proper dress while aboard the Club launch. I think it boils down to the need to be respectful of others while in public areas. This pertains to our children and guests as well. Thanks in advance for your cooperation. Mark Kirby, Harbormaster.

### Fleet

I suppose being away for a couple weeks on vacation should have one returning with renewed vigor for things like being V.C. Fleet. Too bad for y'all it didn't work that way. I just find myself looking for ways to extend that vacation feeling. That said, there is some progress being made. Thanks to Paul Hays, a *preliminary* race schedule has been posted on the Club's web site. We are still hammering out details for the final print copy. Norm Behring, Paul Hays and I are meeting next week to discuss changes to the Sailing Instructions. The J/22s will race on Thursday nights. The change to Thursday is to help increase participation in the J/22 fleet. At the same time this also gives the J/22 people an opportunity to race on other boats on Wednesday nights. I would hope people take advantage of this opportunity. A reminder that the Solstice Cruise to Mimico is June 18th and 19th. Contact Pat Mackey for details. The other cruise dates are not yet confirmed. Vic Snyder, VC Fleet.

### Yard

Its official, spring is here! That means it is time to get the Clubhouse and grounds in shape. I want to go back to the way Joe Waple ran work parties – we really had fun.

We will start with coffee and then get to work. The next part is easy – there will be post-it notes with individual chores to be tackled. There will also be post-it notes with group chores to be tackled. It's fun – grab a project and go for it!

The chores range from cleaning patio furniture to cleaning indoor windows to cleaning the sidewalks and turning on the water. We will have pizza and beer for lunch and pat each other on the back for the great jobs done! Getting the

Club ready early may get our season started early. Please come on down and help out, getting involved really is fun!

**Work Parties**  
**9am April 9th & 23rd**  
**Meet at the Club**  
 9:00 a.m.

The Grist Mill is the next project to be tackled. We have wonderful storage lockers for members to rent and I promise to make them accessible. This building is used by many different groups in the Club and, unfortunately, can become a resting place for "stuff" that has no home. Who knows what we might find. This project will be tackled after our first work party. All non-rented lockers will be cleaned out; if you have items in a locker, please check with Josie or me to be sure we have your name on the list. MaryAlice Eckert, VC Yard.

### Membership Report

We would like to welcome the following new members:

- Adam Burns and Lori Deal (soon to be Lori Burns), North Tonawanda (Intermediate)
- Mark H. and Lisa A. Shapiro, Orchard Park (Intermediate)
- James L. Kennedy, Williamsville (Associate)
- Burtram W. and Ellen Anderson, Vero Beach, FL. (previous members, Associate).
- Frank and Geri Serchia, Youngstown (Associate)
- Charles T. and Rosalie Longo, Lewiston (Associate)
- Elizabeth Snyder, Niagara Falls (Associate)

It is great to see so many interested in the Club, especially the younger people who are making their homes and careers here in Western New York. Over the last month we have received many more applications and we look forward to meeting those prospective members at the April board meeting.

Just a reminder, the board authorized a Mid-Winter special – any membership application received from now until April 30, 2005 will not pay initiation to join! That is a potential savings of about \$300 to \$1000, depending on membership class.

This one-time offer is a great opportunity to join one of the best Clubs on the Great Lakes. I appreciate everyone's help in introducing prospective members – our no initiation program has been very successful so far. We are in prime season for membership and need to keep the energy level high.

Remember to call me or Josie at the Club office - we can get a membership package out to your prospective member and answer any questions about the program. Thanks again for everyone's help. Paul Cannon, Membership Chair.



Rumor speeds to the second windward mark. (That's Andy looking forward from under the floppy hat)

**“Why charter a boat when you can sail around the Caribbean for free?”**

The *Virgin Island Daily News* reported that “the wind was strong enough to rip sails and leave crews exhausted on the second full day of racing in the St. Croix International Regatta.” Maybe so, but it didn’t deter YYC skipper Andy Hooker (See photo) who filed the following report. Ed

I arrived down in St. Croix on Thursday 2/17. After a pleasure sail on a Pearson Ensign Friday, during which a pod of 12 dolphins “played” with us for about 15-20 minutes, we went to the St. Croix YC for the free Cruzan Rum night. There I checked out the crew availability, and landed on *Rumor*, an older Frers 45 IOR racer. By the end of the evening the owner had found six other crew to help him race the boat. We were the second largest boat, behind *Hotel California*, a Santa Cruz 70. I was invited on *Hotel*, but declined because I didn’t want to be rail meat with a bunch of bikini clad chicks, and would rather contribute more to racing than just my weight.

Two days of racing in 80-85 degree temps on the Buck Island channel in beautiful turquoise waters with winds 10-20K, and we finished second. Not too bad for a pick up crew. Monday’s racing on President’s Day was cancelled due to excessive winds in the 25+K range. The decision was based more on preserving the fleet, equipment, and sails for the rest of the Caribbean Ocean Racing Circuit.

After a couple days of sailing around St. Croix, we took off for Tortola, making it in time to attend Bamba’s full moon party. The next day we sailed up to the Baths on Virgin Gorda, where I left *Rumor* which continued to St. Martin. I could have continued with them, but wanted to return to St. Croix.

A ferry ride to Tortola, St. Thomas, and St. Croix saw me back home. Once back on St. Croix, we took the Ensign out for daily sails to Buck Island, a National Park and snorkeling paradise. Why charter a boat when you can sail around the Caribbean for free? Andy Hooker.

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**Q & A for the Child in All of Us**

- Q How do you catch a unique rabbit?
- A Unique up on it.
- Q How do you catch a tame rabbit?
- A Tame way, unique up on it.
- Q How do crazy people go through the forest?
- A They take the psycho path

## Sailing News

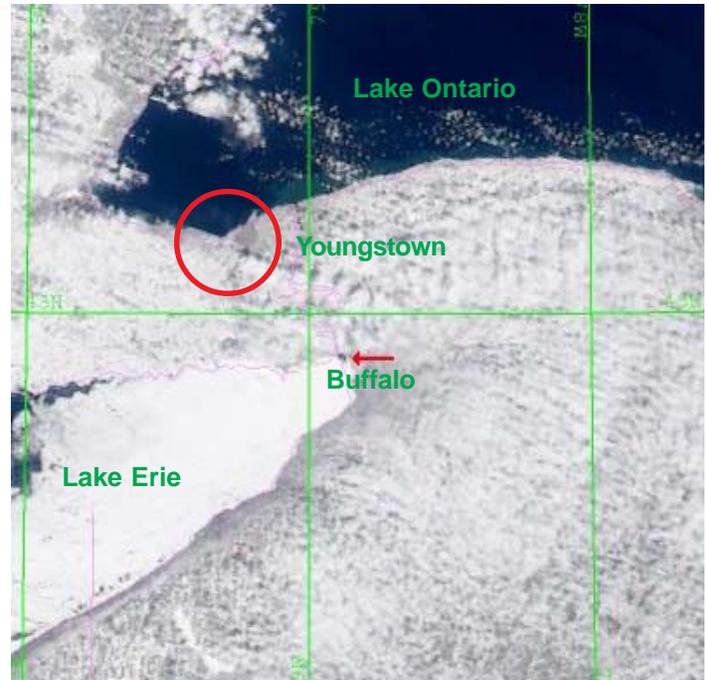
### Beneteau 36.7 Fleet Party & Meeting

Friday April 8th at YYC at 7 p.m. All skippers and crew are invited. Beer, pizza and wings will be provided. We will be discussing plans and schedules for the upcoming season. If you sail on a Beneteau 36.7, or would like to crew on one, come on down and join us.

### Junior Sailing Plans

Almost all of our instructors will be back this season, including Head Instructor Bruce Matthews. This is a great team of talented and enthusiastic young people. New issues are being incorporated in the 2005 program, including considerable savings for the August session. If your child is going to be traveling to regattas, and many of them will be, you will need to assist us in some way, such as taking a turn driving. We welcome Janet DeFiore to the committee, and are always looking for more parental involvement.

Don Finkle



NOAA Satellite image of the ice pack on lakes Erie and Ontario, March 14, 2005.

### 2005 LYRA and Level Regatta Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities

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- ✓ Recognition at Awards Ceremony
- ✓ Name in Race Program and in Header of Race Division Splits and Results
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- ✓ 4 Wristbands for Entrance to Ground and Level Activities

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- ✓ 16 Guests

Race Sponsorship is an excellent reward to key employees and spouses for recognition of accomplishments. Entertaining valued customers would be another useful idea.

**To explore these opportunities contact: Pat Mackey at 745-7331.**

### Bye-Bye Winter, Hello Spring!

Good news - no fooling. On Tuesday, April 5th the Power Authority announced that they were starting removal of the ice boom. Just a few weeks ago, over 500 square miles of lake Erie was covered in ice. But the *Buffalo News* on April 5th reported that "despite the weekend's wintry blast, ice cover on Lake Erie has shrunken from 560 square miles as of March 29 to 80 square miles on Monday [April 4]." Even better, the little ice that remains reportedly may never make it to the lower Niagara River.

Have you returned your mooring contract to RCR?

### Locker Rentals

**Garage full?** Store your boat cushions, sail gear, equipment - just about anything but your first mate or anything [else] flammable - in YYC lockers in the Grist Mill. The building is very secure (stone walls) and each locker has its own separately keyed lock and nameplate. You will also be given a key for the building to ensure access whenever it's needed. The fee is \$150.00 per year - not season. To reserve a locker, contact Josie: (716) 745-7230, ext. 10.

**YCA Reciprocity** from page 1

All YYC members enjoy reciprocity rights. The next time you are traveling, look up the names of local reciprocating clubs listed on YCA's web site:

<http://ycaol.com/>. You may discover a lovely new shoreside spot to visit and enjoy a drink or dinner.

YCA publications include the annual *Register of American Yacht Clubs*, the *Reciprocity Guide*, and *The Oldest Existing Yacht Club Register in America*.

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**RCR Yachts Boat Sales News:** There are various new models available for the 2005 season, both the sail and power. RCR represents the finest line-up of new boats you will find anywhere: Beneteau, Hunter, Sabre and J/boats for sailors, and Back Cove, Sabreline and Beneteau Trawlers for the powerboat enthusiast. Watch for the new Back Cove 29 coming to YYC this season, belonging to member Mike Hinde. She is a real beauty and maybe you can talk Mike into taking you for a ride. The Beneteau 36.7 fleet continues to grow, with 7 boats now between YYC and NOLSC. Rick Lohr's new 36.7 *Night Owl* is a beautiful dark blue and will be joining the fleet in time for the season along with Rick Sherk's 36.7 sailing out of NOLSC.

New models that you have not seen before, but coming to RCR this year, include the Hunter 27, Hunter 31, Hunter 38 and Hunter 41 Deck Salon. Beneteau's latest includes the new 343, one of which is likely to be moored in Youngstown this year, and the First 44.7, also coming to YYC. Those of you who went for a sail with us last fall on the J/100 were treated to a real thrill. The J/100 is probably the most enjoyable boat from a pure fun-of-sailing aspect that we can ever recall. Next up is the new J/124, a forty-foot version of the J/100. The Sabre 386 was voted Best Domestic Sailboat of the Year by *Cruising World* magazine.

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Burnt Store Marina Pub in Punta Gorda. L-R seated: Joyce Sabin, Howard Noonan, Karen Noonan, Jimmy Huggins. L-R standing: Jesse Sabin, Donna Huggins, Sandy Kelley, Karen's brother Roger, Rosemary Dawdy, Sandy and Cliff Swain, John Kelley.

**Snow Birds**

Got the Ripples by email and it looks great! It's sunny and warm and we will be taking a boat trip through Charlotte Harbor and the Peace River this afternoon with Sandy and Cliff Swain, Donna and Jim Huggins, Joyce and Jesse Sabin, and Rosemary Dawdy. The Huggins are down for the month of March, the Sabins for two weeks, and Rosemary for ten days. In addition, Dennis and Gretchen Duling and Wayne and Gina Hughes visited us while traveling through Florida. It seems like most of Youngstown must be out of town and the Club empty on Friday nights. Karen Noonan. Punta Gorda, FL.

**YYC Florida Reunion**

The YYC Florida First Annual Reunion was held this past month in Punta Gorda, Florida. Donna and Jim Huggins, who chaired this year's reunion, have graciously volunteered to make this an annual event. They have even offered to organize a chartered flotilla down to Cabbage Key next year. It's a real possibility if there is enough interest. Mark your calendars for mid March. For more information, e-mail Jim or Donna Huggins at [homejames5@aol.com](mailto:homejames5@aol.com) or call (716) 745-3297. Kudos to the Huggins as usual. Life is good in Florida. John and Sandy Kelley

### The Book of Jib (Humor)

The "Book of Jib" was published on the Ericson Owners website. Our thanks to Tom Walder who sent it along as a bit of humor that fellow Club members might enjoy. Ed.

"And on the eighth day God created roller furling, and He saw that it was good." So begins the Book of Jib, a little known book in the Bible, in which God cast His gaze down from the heavens and beheld the labours of the many sailors as they raised and lowered and, with great difficulty, flaked their headsails, always in a grassy area which was supposed to be free of the droppings left by the dogs of Hell but never was found to be so.

"God then took pity on the humble workers of the foredeck and inspired His prophets Harken, Schaefer, Hood, and Profurl." To these He gave insight so that they might develop a device which would lessen the burden. For many years did the men of the sea rejoice at their newfound innovation. But soon they forgot that the miracle of roller furling was a gift from God and instead began to believe it of their own making.

They added automatic motors, and applied it to the mainsail as well, which constituted a breach of ancient law, the manual hoisting and lowering of the mainsail being a sacrament. They furled sails hither and yon, inside the mast or the boom, trying to hide the shameful practice from the eyes of God.

God, being then displeased with the arrogance of man, jammed the furling units, leaving the sails exposed to the gales, which tore at them and made the sailors cry and gnash their teeth.

The sailors brought down their tattered rags from aloft, and with heads hung low did take them to the sail maker, whose prices soared higher than the stars in the firmament. And with a mighty shout their checking accounts were laid to waste.

The sailors did then beseech redemption. "From this day forward we shall flake our mainsails and mizzens about the boom like men!" And God saw that it was good.

-Anonymous

#### Obershiemer Winter Lecture Series

At Obershiemer Sailor's Supply, Niagara Street in Buffalo, 7:15 - 9:30 PM. Open to the public, small donation at the door:

Apr 6 Spinnaker trim, steering & starting downwind  
Apr 13 Cruising

### "Mouth of the River" Spawns Tributary

A few issues back, Don Finkle launched the column "Members News," now renamed "Scuttlebutt" (page 3) by paying tribute to Sue Orr and the column she wrote for Ripples, "The Mouth of the River."

The following indicates that Sue's column was even more notorious than some thought. Ed.



Sue Orr, known to mature Club members as "Granny," received the following tribute in the March issue of *Riverviews*, published by the Lower Niagara Region Chamber of Commerce. Mary Alice Eckert.

"This column replaces 'Out on the Towns'. The name [Mouth of the River] was borrowed from the Youngstown Yacht Club and pays tribute to Sue Orr, fondly known by many as "Granny." Sue earned the title, "mouth of the river" during her years as the official announcer for the Club's Level Regatta. Later, she wrote a column that appeared regularly in YYC newsletters. It became a favorite and featured news items about the membership. Because we are now officially known as "The River Region", we thought it was appropriate to borrow this clever name to announce news about our Chamber "family".

-Riverviews

### Song of the Whale II from page 3

de Janeiro waiting for police to release the yacht, he made his first Atlantic crossing, sailing with an older shipmate and two others from Rio to Holland. While enroute they saved a giant sea turtle that they discovered entangled in a fisherman's net. McLanaghan has since crossed the Atlantic a dozen or more times and will be bringing *Song of the Whale II* to the States this July.

The March issue of *Sailing*, a bi-monthly publication, is still available on newsstands. To follow the progress of the *Song of the Whale II*'s research, visit the IFAW at [www.ifaw.org](http://www.ifaw.org).

**Spring Shoreline Sweep**  
**April 22-24**

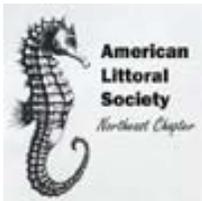


The Friends of the Buffalo Niagara Rivers are coordinating clean-ups on the Niagara River, Buffalo River, Cazenovia Creek, Scajaquada Creek, Buffalo Creek, Ellicott Creek, Tonawanda Creek and both Cayuga Creeks (Erie and

Niagara Counties). Volunteers are needed to:

- ✓ Serve as a site captain
- ✓ Participate in a clean up
- ✓ Recruit other volunteers
- ✓ Donate refreshments

To register or for more info please contact: Friends of the Buffalo Niagara Rivers. For more information, send e-mail to: [info@fbnr.org](mailto:info@fbnr.org) or visit their web site at [www.FBNR.org](http://www.FBNR.org).



**2005 LYRA and Level Regatta**  
**Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities**

**\$1,000 Course Sponsorship Includes:**

- ✓ Name on Race Marks
- ✓ Recognition at Awards Ceremony
- ✓ Name in Race Program and in Header of Race Division Splits and Results
- ✓ Corporate banners on Club Grounds during Regatta
- ✓ 4 Wristbands for Entrance to Ground and Level Activities

**\$4,500 Race Sponsorship Includes:**

- ✓ Corporate Banner on Club Grounds
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- ✓ VIP Spectator Yacht to View Race
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**New J/100 Is Launched**

We have put our Youngstown Showroom back into service again and currently have three new boats inside for viewing. The exciting new J/100, thirty-three feet of pure sailing enjoyment, is inside along with two powerboats: the Back Cove 26 and 29. If you have not yet seen a Back Cove you should do so soon; they are jewels of Maine craftsmanship but at attractive prices. Back Cove is a Sabre company, and we are thrilled to have such a super product to introduce to this area.

Peter Doyle, manager of RCR Wilson, is working hard on plans for the 2005 season. He has some great gift certificates for an evening get-away at one of the lovely Tower Rooms overlooking the harbor. Why not take your significant other off for a surprise romantic dinner at the Boathouse restaurant followed by a night in one of their theme rooms. Each of the four rooms in the Tower are decorated in different decor and the price is right. You can contact Peter at (716) 445-7368.