



# Ripples

August 2005



## From The Bridge Deck

Our *Ripples* editor, Ray Volpe, must be confused as he believes he is entitled to go away cruising on his boat. He is holding me to a strict deadline and as a result this

article must be brief with all the frantic activity for Level and LYRA going on. By the time you read this both events will have passed but as I'm writing there are hundreds of people preparing for the fun and excitement.

I hope everyone is enjoying this wonderful summer. Sure it is hot, but the weeks of 90 degree temperatures will be a nice memory to have come January and February. The Yacht Club patio always seems to be a few degrees cooler than home, especially when the wind is blowing. Better yet, a good way to beat the heat is by sailing and swimming out on the lake. The last time I checked the water temperature was a comfortable 74 degrees.

August is prime cruising time and I hope Ray and everyone else planning cruises has a wonderful time. Melanie and I are leaving for the Thousand Islands the day after the much anticipated Lori Deal and Adam Burns wedding. It will be a much needed vacation for the both of us.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.  
Gary R. Tisdale, Commodore

## Youngstown Marina Opens

The Youngstown Marina (formerly Williams Marina) is now open under new management. The marina is located on Water Street just south of the Village boat ramp. Gasoline, diesel and ice are available; the pump-out was not yet operational as of July 20. The marina is open daily from 10am-7pm, except 10-5 Wednesdays, and closed Mondays. For more information, contact Alex Catalano at (716) 870-9987 or email him at alexcatalano@rcryachts.com.

## Hospice Niagara River Cruise

August 12-13

YYC has been an enthusiastic supporter of the Hospice Niagara River Cruise for several years. It's a fun event that has raised over \$25,000 to help Hospice provide its services to area families at critical times. Central to the fundraising activity is the sale of tickets for a short cruise on the Lower Niagara River followed by a clambake at the Club. Both members and non-members are welcomed.

A gentle cruise up the Niagara is always a relaxing way to spend a summer afternoon. The YYC Hospice cruise will be accompanied by a "party barge" complete with a band to entertain the fleet on their adventure. Rafting during the cruise and barging down the river is not uncommon and a fun time for everyone. Following the cruise, the boats will return to the Club for the clambake and basket raffles.

To sponsor the Hospice Cruise, the Club relies on YYC skippers to volunteer a few hours time and host assigned guests for the 2 to 3 hour cruise. Skippers traditionally provide light refreshments and snacks for the guests assigned their boat (wine and cheese is very popular). In return for their effort and generosity, skippers and their mates receive free tickets to the clambake.

Ron Ciamaga is coordinating the cruise event. To volunteer to skipper your boat, call Ron (716) 282-0023 or email him at rciamaga@hotmail.com. To donate baskets for the raffle, contact Paul Beatty at Niagara Hospice: (716) 998-5777.

Ron and his wife Diane reportedly have participated in this event for a number of years and encourage you to join them for a "very enjoyable" experience.

Spread the word and plan to come down to the Club for the basket raffles. Better yet, volunteer to skipper your boat. You will have a great time and your effort will make a significant contribution to Hospice.

The cruise is Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> and starts from the Club dock at 2:30 pm. Skippers should have their boats at the dock about an hour beforehand. R. Ciamaga and R. Volpe

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### Youngstown Yacht Club Auxiliary

May and June both proved to be busy months on the YYCA calendar. The annual Ladies Stag was held at the beautiful home of Margaret O'Keefe. Margaret graciously welcomed us into her home for an evening of great food, drink and camaraderie. Many thanks to Margaret.

Traditionally the YYCA has hosted the Past Commodores Tea Dance. Thank you to all those who made sandwiches for this event convened by Rosemary Dawdy and Karen Noonan.

Everyone who has been to the club in May and June will agree that the gardens are looking fantastic. Thank you to Sheila Kalm for her expertise and hard work in this floral presentation. The money from some of last year's fund raising events by the YYCA helped to raise a substantial portion of the monies used in this project to beautify the Club.

This year's fund raiser was two garage sales. The first was held in May, much earlier than last year. We felt that for this reason it was poorly attended and therefore decided to hold it again on June 11. Thank you to all those who donated your trash and treasures to this event. The conveners Kathy Morrison and Karen Noonan worked very hard to put these two sales together. We are grateful to RCR Yachts and Don Finkle for allowing us to store our "Trash and Treasures" as well as hold the second sale at RCR. Thank you so much Don!

We encourage new members to join the YYCA. Our meetings are held once a month and we always have fun planning for special events (Wassail) and fund raising activities. In addition to meetings, we plan social events and hope to repeat the Dinner Theatre we all enjoyed last year in Port Dalhousie. Watch *Ripples* or *Weekly Waves* for further notice on this activity.

YYCA meetings are typically held at the Club. Dinner is at 6:00 and meetings start at 7:00. Plan to come out, meet new people and have some fun.

Laurie Hugill for Gerry Anne Beatty

#### Club Restaurant, Bar Summer Hours

The Club is now open Tuesdays through Sundays. The bar and dining room begin service at 5 pm. For dinner reservations, call 745-7230 x18.



Former YYC member John B.R. Greene recently passed away at home in Santa Cruz, California. John was originally from the Lakeshore area of Buffalo and moved to New York City after College to pursue his business career.

John avidly sailed a Greenwich 24 on Long Island Sound in the late 60's and early 70's.

John often visited his old college friend, Rick Lohr, and fell in love with Youngstown and joined YYC. John was the last owner of WARLOCK a CAL 2-30. This was a well known YYC boat previously owned by Skip Doyle, Karr Parker and Jim O'Leary.

John made many friends at YYC and will be sorely missed.

#### Sailing Events

- Sept 12 Erie Power Squadron Safe Boating Course Starts
- Sept 15-18 Toronto In-water Boat Show
- Sept 29-Oct 2 NY-NJ International Boat Show
- Oct 6-10 US Sailboat Show, Annapolis
- Oct 13-16 US powerboat Show, Annapolis

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**Border Entry Experience**

(from RCR Yacht Racer's News #124)

Several weeks ago my crew of two friends and I entered Canada to race in the Toronto NOOD Regatta. We pulled into National YC and phoned Canada Customs and Immigration via 1-888-CANPASS as required. The people on the phone were very polite and took our info as usual and gave us a confirmation number. At the conclusion of the call they said that there happened to be some inspectors nearby and we should sit tight on the boat until they arrived to check us.

Within 10-15 minutes agents showed up and asked to see our identification, and we all pulled out our driver's licenses. "Sorry" we were told, "we need to see either a Passport or a birth certificate". None of us had those documents with us, because none of us had ever been asked to provide them before. After some discussion they called their superiors by cell phone and then several more inspectors arrived. They checked us out and finally let us stay, with the warning that we had better bring the approved documents in the future, as a driver's license is not acceptable proof of citizenship. While they asked us about alcohol, tobacco and firearms as usual, the citizenship thing seemed to be a much larger issue with them. So be prepared to bring a Passport or BC when traveling to Canada.

*[We recently had a similar experience when visiting Mimico. The tightened security, we were told, is in response to U.S. Homeland Security requests. Ed]*

**West End Cruise**

Eleven boats from YYC including Bella Donna, Blue Note, Capella, Liberta, Low Bid, Montage, Moonlight Passage, Ohm-Sweet-Ohm, Pensive, Plaisir and Summer Breeze navigated around the western end of Lake Ontario for 5 days in July, traveling from Youngstown to Port Dalhousie and then on to 50 Point, Bronte and finally Toronto. Winds were always favorable for sailing and there was a great sail from 50 Point to Bronte with spinnakers flying.

Club members Ollie and Marcy Hazard joined us for dinner at the Port Dalhousie Yacht Club where we met the new chief and can now highly recommend his cooking which features fresh ingredients and homemade sauces. A wine tasting featuring Rief wines held at 50 Point was hosted by our own Ceri Hugill as sommelier. We also managed to celebrate two birthdays along the way, first Art Aronson's at Port Dalhousie and then Laurie Hugill's at RCYC. At RCYC we met up with the Silver Fox which was preparing to return to YYC with Doc Simmons as skipper and Fred Stephens and Tom Hooker as crew. Over cocktails in the evening there were discussions for additional club cruises, including a cruise to the Thousand Islands at the end of the month, a West End Cruise for next year featuring an expanded two day stay at 50 Point with a winery tour and dinner and two day stay at Bronte with a bus trip to Oakville and theater night, and the possibility of a Cruiser's Banquet this October.

If you are interested in helping to organize a Cruiser's Banquet in October send an email to h\_noonan@hotmail.com. Interested in organizing next year's West End Cruise send an email to Vic Snyder. Howard & Karen Noonan

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**Harbormaster**

When this goes to press we will have started the second half of the season. This is the half that I find a little more relaxing and rewarding. Water temperature makes evening sailing a pleasure and with launch hours extended to 10 pm seven days a week through Labor Day, I hope many of you will experience the pleasure sailing in the evening.

Recently a few members and I were talking about our adult sailing program and how it may afford new members an opportunity to experience the fun that we have on the water. With this in mind I hope to contact all of our new members this month to personally invite them to join in on a Tuesday night learn to sail experience. The program is open to all adults. If you are interested in learning more about attending, please contact me at (716) 440-2096

Special thanks to my Duty officer volunteers Beth Snyder, Ceri Hugill, Howard Noonan and Kevin Campbell. I spent one weekend on the dock catching up on some boat maintenance and enjoyed connecting with many club members that I do not frequently see. There are open weekends in August if you are interested in the position. A sign up sheet is next to the coat room entrance at the club.

Warm water will enhance the seaweed growth that will be causing some of our moorings to sink this month. If your ball is sinking with the weight of the weeds, please tie a float with a length of line to your mooring pennant. Contact the boat yard at your earliest opportunity and they will clear off the weeds for you

Finally, Thanks to all of the members who have made the adult sailing program work: Frank Collins, Don Burns, Joe Weber, Bob Miller, Joe O'Brian, Jason Sutor, Jesse Sabin, Jim Jaremka, and Ron Ciamaga. Their contributions have helped ensure the success of the Adult Sailing program. Mark Kirby, Harbormaster.

**Yard**

The yard projects are just about all finished! Thanks to everyone for their help.

The Jr. Sailor advanced group and race team are in the process of painting the north building. A huge thanks to them for their hard work.

Larry White is finishing some welding stuff and Dave Chamberlain is replacing dock boards.

We have two replacement ice machines – hopefully they will be more reliable. Thanks for your patience.

Please be kind and sign out on the cruising log board if you will be away overnight or longer so we can use your mooring for a visiting boat, if needed. MaryAlice Eckert, VC Yard.

**Membership**

We are pleased to introduce the following new Club members.

Regular members John and Anne Frank, Richard and Karen Long, and Alan Lukas.

Associate members: Michael and Amy Boniello, Alexander and Wendy Catalano, Barry and Susan Deal, Rebecca and Brian Dowsey, Edmund Janiszewski, Mary Luff-Foote, Jeffre Majka, Michael and Carol McCabe, Eric and Noelle McGuire, Daniel and Bonnie Meagher, Dennis and Cathy Niccola, Peter and Melissa Ranieri, Donald Smith, and Cal and Patience Tinkey.

Junior Associate members Valerie and Alan Hastings, and Melissa and Jason Ruta.

Non-Resident members William O'Neil, and Kristen Schimley.

Regretfully, we note the departure of Brian McGrath and Jason Lombardi.

Ray Volpe, Club Secretary



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**Events Calendar**

Fri-Sat. Aug 12-13	Hospice Regatta
Mon, Sept 5	Labor Day, Club Open
Sat, Sept 10	Cock of the Walk Race
Sat, Sept 17	Junior Sailing Banquet
Sat, Oct 22	Fleet Awards Banquet
Friday, Oct 28	Annual Membership Meeting, Club Elections
Sat, Dec 3	Wassail Bowl Holiday Party
Sat, Dec 31	New Year's Eve Party

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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.