



Ripples

February-March 2006



From The Bridge Deck

The Club reopened in February with a nice turnout of members and guests. It is great to see so many familiar faces and catch up on what has been happening through this mild winter. Music from the Club band kept spirits high. It was also nice to see

our friendly, smiling staff of Shelby, Hillary, Sara, Brandy and Clare working hard in the dining room.

Over the past few months the Board of Directors has been reviewing a report issued by Club Mark, the consultant we contracted to review YYC's current position and future direction. The primary focus of this year's Board will be to establish initiatives based on the results of the report that build on our strengths and improve our weaknesses.

To get this process started, last month Membership Chair Paul Cannon created a member survey that was sent to each of you. Paul did an excellent job keeping the survey short and focused as we realize that your time is valuable and completing surveys can be a nuisance. You will be hearing about the results of the survey and much more in the coming months.

I don't want to steal any thunder from V.C. House Mike Banks, but I was very excited by a meeting I recently sat in with Mike, Maura Crawford from Le Metro and our food and beverage manager, Clare Crawford. For some time now I have felt a need for new events to supplement our traditional entertainment calendar. Maura and Clare have come up with some exciting ideas including a series of Port of Call events. The first port visited was Brazil and featured not only special Argentinean foods and wine, but also a magician, tarot card readers and tango instructors.

The next Port of Call is Cape Town on Friday, April 7. And don't forget to celebrate St. Patrick's Day at YYC on Friday, March 17. To make these events a success, we need your participation.

Lastly, we were sad to learn of the recent passing of Sue Cannon, wife of PC John Cannon. Butch and Sue joined YYC in 1946 and have been strong supporters of the Club ever since. Sue sailed extensively with the family throughout the Great Lakes and beyond and raised three of the Club's best sailors: Sarah, Paul, and Caroline. On behalf of the Youngstown Yacht Club, I would like to extend our sincere sympathy to them at this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Waterfront Projects and Events Will Benefit Club Members

Club members will be the beneficiaries of a host of waterfront projects and activities planned for this summer in Youngstown. The gamut runs from the introduction of high tech Wi-Fi services to improved dock-side services on the Club's North Dock.

Greenway Funding from the Niagara Power Authority earnings will help fund a series of projects along the Niagara River. One of those projects approved is the introduction of Wi-Fi services in certain areas of the Village of Youngstown. Wi-Fi services that enable wireless laptop computers and Blackberries to access the Internet have steadily been expanding from coffee shops and airport terminals to parks and other public gathering places. During our Thousand Islands cruise last summer, we visited both South and North shore clubs and marinas. Wi-Fi services abounded, enabling us to access both local and national weather and news services, e-mail, and directories of area shops and services.

The Village of Youngstown is also planning significant improvements to the Village Park and small boat launch ramp adjacent to the Club. Projects include repairs to the dock wall, the provision of water and shore power services, improvements to the park's drainage and lighting system, and pavement of the Village-owned parking area between the boat ramp and Youngstown Marina.

Efforts are also underway to restore the ferry boat service between Youngstown and Niagara-on-the-Lake. A successful pilot project last fall involving American and Canadian local leaders, and Custom and Immigration Services, kept the ferry busy all day long. A permanent service will require restoration of Immigration and Customs services on both shores making Youngstown an easier port to enter for Canadian visitors and returning boaters.

Other plans to attract more visitors to Youngstown include hosting of the Spring Fishing Derby May 5-14th (encompasses two weekends). The Derby requires a weigh-in station and, in sup-

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Club Port-of-Call Events Are Underway

To spice up wintry Fridays at YYC a series of Port of Call events has been initiated. The idea is to feature the food and drinks of different ports, along with music and special events indigenous to the area.

The first port visited was Rio de Janeiro on Friday, March 3rd. It featured not only special Argentinean foods and wine, but also a magician, tarot card readers and tango instructors (compliments of Le Metro). In addition to the regular menu, members were tempted with Brazilian dishes and libations. Brazilian specialties included Feijoada, Mariscada, and Moqueca de Camarao. Both the regular menu and Brazilian menu was served throughout the evening. To create the atmosphere of carnival, synonymous with Rio, Club members were encouraged to wear masks and Brazilian bikinis ("carnival" literally means "farewell to the flesh" in Latin). V.C. House Mike Banks reports that it was a fun evening - all 20 tarot card readings were booked.

If you missed this one, be sure to put our next Port of Call – Cape Town, on your calendar for Friday, April 7.

There's a'bit of Blarney in All of Us on St. Patrick's Day

Join us for the wearing of the green on St. Patrick's Day. Clare Crawford, our Club restaurant manager was named after the county itself, don't you know, so she's really putting her heart into making this a special evening. The Irish kitchen maven will ensure that the food is the real deal - we will corn our own beef and bake Great Grandmother's soda bread! Our hosts of the evening will entertain us in true Irish style – we won't reveal their names at this time but we can assure you they are full of blarney. A special treat from "Ruby" will be sure to delight all! Reservations, please, so we know how much beef to corn! We're serious! The Club opens at 5 p.m. - hope to see you there!

M. Banks, V.C. House.

For those of you receiving Weekly Waves and the digital, full color version of Ripples, please notify us if your e-mail address changes so that you don't miss any issues. Email your new e-mail address to yyc@adelphia.net and Josie will make the change.



I was fortunate to grow up as a "YYC kid", and as soon as I was old enough to pay attention I began to read *Ripples*. I especially liked the articles about the various members and what they were doing outside the Club. For a while Tom Ashman, better known as "Low Water Louie", wrote the "gossip column" which was widely read. However, his irreverent tone eventually got the best of him when he published an article which sealed the fate of LWL. Tom (anonymously of course), came up with an idea of matching Club members with nicknames. There were two columns, one with names, the other with nicknames, and readers were to figure out which name went with which nickname. Some of the nicknames were none too flattering, and LWL was once and for all relegated to the scrap bucket.

With the demise of Low Water Louie, Susan "Granny" Orr took up the oars. Granny, also known as "The Mouth of the River", was outstanding at finding information and passing it along to the membership. Her articles were always extremely well written, clever and witty. While we could never match what she did in terms of literary flair, this column is written as a tribute to her. The concept, as always, is to keep the YYC family aware of goings-on of current members, those who have moved away, former members, children of members, and so forth. So here we go...

Some sad news comes first. Frank Jellinek died in a plane crash in California recently. Frank was part of "Jay Rabow's excellent crew" back in the '70s, as Skip Doyle put it. He and his wife Judy moved to NH when Frank relocated his company, Erie Scientific, there. Frank was a successful business executive and he and Judy were avid sailors, owning many boats over the years. They kept in touch with various YYC members who sometimes cruised with them.

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

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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.

Diana (Danish) Little, 35, a former YYC Junior Sailor passed away on February 3rd. She was the wife of James H. Little; and mother of Madison and Alexander Little. Many members know Diana's parents, Winfred and Geraldine Danish of North Carolina, especially Win Danish who drove the launch in recent years.

Sue Cannon, wife of PC John D. "Butch" Cannon, recently passed away after a long illness. She was mother to Sarah, Paul and Caroline, all of whom grew up sailing and remain active sailors today. "Suey" was an excellent skier and avid sailor who accompanied Butch and the family on their frequent cruises. The Cannon family has now been at YYC for four generations and Sue's passing is a loss to YYC as well as to the Cannon clan.

Turning to happier news, the Ruscitto family was very active at YYC during the '90s. Dave sailed his C&C 29-2, and was a regular crew on Joe Waple's C&C 29-2 Chute the Breeze, and all three Ruscitto children were avid Junior Sailors. Dave and Linda retired to the woods of Vermont, where they currently operate a custom woodworking business in a barn that they built themselves. We have purchased some of their items

for use as presents, and they do wonderful work. You can check them out at their web site: www.camelshumpwoodworking.com. As for the kids, they are doing just fine. Amanda graduated from Dartmouth with an engineering degree and has an excellent job in Boston. Leah graduated from Boston College, spent two years in Sub-Saharan Africa with the Peace Corps then returned to University of North Carolina for a nursing degree. Adam graduated from the University of Vermont where most of his free time was spent freestyle skiing. He had a very severe skiing accident which required several leg operations and a lot of reconstruction and rehab to repair. He was not supposed to go back to skiing like he did before, but if you know Adam you realize that he could never follow that advice. He presently resides near Lake Tahoe where he manages a private ski club, and of course he skis as often as he can.

Speaking of Vermont, the Jessimans moved there as well. Eric and Marilyn live in Northern Vermont, and are apparently going to give up their boat Brigadoon for raising horses. Son Brian is married and has a child. He traded his career as a white water guide and instructor for his new job as a yacht broker with Bruce Hill.

Many former YYC junior sailors are in the Boston area. Emily Paxhia has just become engaged to Marc Gitto. Both graduates of Skidmore, they live in Boston where Marc is finishing his MBA. They will soon be moving to the NYC area where Marc will join the family real estate business, and Emily will go to grad school to become a psychologist. Jordan Paxhia lives in Brookline and teaches special education...that is when she is not running marathons, biking or swimming. Right now she is training for a half Iron Man competition. Travis Finkle was just promoted to Vice president of Soleil Securities, and he and his girlfriend, Meghan

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Settlemyer, live in Boston's North End. Meghan is also a Special Ed teacher. Ashley Chassar just completed her studies at Boston University where she graduated with a degree in biomedical engineering and is employed in that field nearby. Ashley was captain of the BU soccer team and starred in that sport.

Mike Danish, another ex-YYC Junior Sailor, went on to become an All-American in sailing at the Coast Guard Academy, where he graduated number two in his class. This qualified him for flight school, and he is now a jet pilot stationed in Texas, with the rank of Lieutenant. Mike just became engaged to be married.

Morgan Paxhia graduated from URI last May, where he was captain of the sailing team. He is now employed by ex-YYC junior sailor, Randy Borges, at Randy's company, Waterline Systems, and US Watercraft. They build boats such as the J/22 and J/24, as they are known as one of the foremost speed shops for bottom work and grand prix yacht preparation. Morgan lives in Newport and sails as much as he can. He just returned from crewing for Bob Hesse in Key West Race Week, and he was part of the team that won the 2005 J/24 North American Championship. As for Randy, he and Beth are expecting their fifth child soon. Tyler Finkle and his girlfriend Shelly Staal are planning to move from West Palm Beach to RI sometime this summer.

Tim Finkle is a senior at Connecticut College where he plays hockey and lacrosse and is captain of the team. He will graduate in May with a degree in psychology and plans to live and work in NYC.

Mark Shapiro, who with his wife Lisa joined YYC last year, is a pilot with Chautauqua Airlines, based in Buffalo. Mark flies the 50 seat commuter jets and has just completed Captain's school and will be promoted to Captain effective March 1. If you fly United Express or US Airways Express out of Buffalo he might be the one flying you!

Judy Adams-Volpe was recently presented with this year's University at Buffalo Recognition Award honoring her history of supporting women's athletics. The award acknowledges Judy's long-time interest in and work with the University's athletic program including a recent term as chair of the Intercollegiate Athletics Board, and her establishment of the annual Leadership Awards for student athletes.

We encourage members to forward news for Scuttlebutt to dbfinkle@aol.com.

YYCA Has Busy Agenda

The Youngstown Yacht Club Association has been very busy. Since the start of the fiscal year in October, they have sponsored the Club's traditional Wassail Bowl celebration of Christmas, conducted a very successful Super Bowl party, have published a beautiful set of note cards, and are busy designing and contracting for YYC emblematic clothing, special glassware and other mementos celebrating the Club's 75th Anniversary.

YYCA President, Laurie Hugill, Vice President Kathy Morrison, Treasurer Gina Hughes, and Secretaries Nancy Wallace and Karen Noonan have wasted no time in getting events rolling. High on their agenda is getting more folks involved in the YYCA. Last month's meeting at the Club was featured a display of jewelry pieces from the collections of village goldsmith Robert Young, a Master Jeweler, and Katie Reese.

The Super Bowl party hosted by YYCA was well attended. Members watched the game on a large screen TV which not only provided excellent viewing but also instant reply. The party started with the bar opening at 5 pm, and a pot luck dinner of tasty and plentiful entrees. No one went hungry....or thirsty.

The YYC-commissioned notecards are on sale at the Club and during Friday evening dinners. The packets, which sell for \$10, contain five 4x7 inch notecards based on the well known pen and ink drawing by Judy Grange which until recently hung in the upstairs dining room. The drawing shows the YYC Clubhouse as viewed from the water.

This year YYC is celebrating its 75th anniversary, so very special planning and preparations are underway. Under the expert guidance of Judy Volpe, the YYCA has adopted a project of digitizing historic documents and photos of the Club over the last 75 years. It is Judy's intention to select a few for placement on the YYC website. She is also planning to mount and display some of these in the Clubhouse throughout the year.

Elaine McLanaghan has taken on the responsibility of chairing the 75th Anniversary Tea that the YYCA intends to host in September, honouring all wives of Past Commodores and Past Presidents of the YYCA. The date has been set for September 24th and details will unfold in the next few months.

YYCA will also mark the 75th anniversary by donating a commemorative item for the flower garden - one with a nautical theme and including a plaque.

YYCA members invite you to join them at their monthly meeting. Watch Weekly Waves for the date, time and location or call Kathy Morrison at (716) 745-8606.

YYC Celebrates Its 75th Anniversary

Our Club was founded on April 29, 1931 and is still very much engaged in fellowship and yachting.

- ◆ On April 29, 2006 we will hold a cocktail party to celebrate the formation of our Club on that date in 1931.
- ◆ The Club will have a 75th Anniversary Gala, celebrating our history, June 10th.
- ◆ June 11th is Commissioning Day, which includes the traditional flag raising ceremony and commissioning of the Club for the season.

Mark your calendars now, you won't want to miss any of these event. They will all hold some surprises.

There are plenty of plans in the making and a bit of work to be done. If you would like to get involved and have some fun party planning give me a call: (716) 754-0930. MaryAlice Eckert



Last Year's Snowbirds in Punta Gorda

Punta Gorda Snowbirds

You still have time to join in the 2nd annual YYC reunion in Punta Gorda, Florida on Monday, March 20th. The snowbirds will meet at the Tiki Hut next to the Porto Bellos restaurant at the Burnt Store Marina. At 4:30 pm they will cast off on the *Cambridge Lady* for a cruise to Cabbage Key. Snowbirds can pack their own drinks and nibbles for snacking while on route. Dinner is planned for 6 pm at Cabbage Key. Cruise directors Donna and Jim Huggins will email directions to the Burnt Store Marina to those attending. Howard and Karen Noonan are crewing as first mates on this adventure. This is the second annual reunion of YYC and friends. The snowbirds hope to see you there.

The *Cambridge Lady* has a limit of 40 persons; tickets are \$20 per person. You can email Donna at homejames5@aol.com.

Catch the Early Wave

Several folks responding to the Club's survey have asked that Weekly Waves be published earlier in the week, and we're happy to oblige. But we need your cooperation. Our all volunteer staff needs sufficient time to put Weekly Waves together – occasional fact checking, a little editing, layout, etc. We'd like to publish by day's end Wednesday. To do so, we need to know about upcoming events by the close of business on Tuesday. We plan to launch the new schedule starting two weeks from now – the week of March 20th. So we need to receive your announcements by the close of business Tuesday, March 21st for publication at day's end Wednesday, March 22nd.

Articles for *Ripples* should be submitted by the 16th of each month.



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CRUISING

It is only February but it is not too early to start planning for this summer's cruising.

Solstice (Mimico) Cruise

The first cruise will be the Solstice Cruise to the Mimico Cruising Club just west of Toronto. Pat Mackey has again made arrangements for this cruise but is waiting for final information from the Mimico club before he sets the exact date. For now the best we can say is that it will be either the weekend before or the weekend after the summer solstice: The plan is to depart on Friday, June 16 and return Sunday, June 18. For those who have not cruised but have thought about it, this is the one cruise not to miss.. Mimico is a straight, easy sail across the lake. The club is beautiful and the docking facilities superb. Pat has planned this cruise so well that there is even a copy of the Sunday Buffalo News available at breakfast. The Mimico clubhouse is only a short walk from the trolley line making it easy to get in to Toronto. Saturday evening, the cocktail party under the tent and dinner at the club make this a very special cruise. For those sailors who would feel more comfortable sailing in the company of others, we have had several experienced cruisers say that they would act as pilots. This would make it even easier and more fun to sail into Mimico, find the right (pre-assigned) dock, club house, customs phone, restaurant etc. Even if you know exactly where you are going, it is fun sailing your boat in the company of others. Since this is such a great cruise and we are making it so easy there is no excuse not to go.

West End Cruise

The next cruise scheduled is the West End Cruise (west end of Lake Ontario – the "Golden Horseshoe"). You can only please some of the people all of the time with dates so we are hoping to please all of the people some of the time. Right now we have scheduled the West End Cruise from Monday July 10 through Friday July 14. By cruising during the week we hope to not interfere with all the social events planned this year to celebrate the club's 75th birthday. We should also eliminate some the weekend crowd at the Canadian destinations.

We anticipate starting with a short cruise to Dalhousie and ending in Toronto. The ports in between have not been selected yet but will most likely be chosen from 50 Mile, Bronte, Oakville, and Port Credit. Those people who want to, can extend the cruise through the weekend in Toronto. The West End Cruise is not only great fun but offers the opportunity to go for as much or little time as you like. Each port is within a days sail



of YYC so if you miss the first or second day, you can join the fleet on the third day and so on. As an aside, have you ever thought how lucky we are to be able to have this much cruising so close? We will also have pilots available for this cruise.

Thousand Island Cruise

I have had several people mention the Thousand Island Cruise indicating that they want to do it and hope some person or persons will step forward to lead it. I need direction on the Thousand Island Cruise but will be very willing to make the phone calls and do as much leg work as I can to help. I will need to know when, where, and what is needed. If you are interested in this please let me know.

Other Cruises

Some further thoughts are for a couple of one night cruises to either Wilson or Dalhousie. For people who have not been to these two ports they are both very close and easy to reach. There is a lot of activity in both places and good restaurants. I would like some suggestions on the Wilson or Dalhousie cruises - especially regarding dates.

More thoughts. A suggestion was made that club members without boats be invited to participate by driving to a port and participating in the parties. We could perhaps even get a van or limo together if there was enough interest. Anybody interested in participating in this way should contact me. I would appreciate hearing all your suggestions. Again, I will do the phoning and as much leg work as I can but am looking forward to receiving direction as well. Anybody who will be the leader or co-leader of a cruise please contact me at either 745 7696 or yyc@dandbroach.net. Dick Roach, Cruising Director

Youngstown Yacht Club Notecards On Sale

This is a limited printing of notecards featuring the YYC Clubhouse as viewed from the water. They are based on the pen and ink drawing by Judy Grange which previously hung in the Club's upstairs dining room.

The cards are being sold by the YYCA in packets of five 4" x 7" notecards for \$10. These will make a great gift for any special occasion.

Call the Club to place an order: 745-7230 x10.

Rules of the Road

Radio conversation released by the Chief of Naval Operations 10-10-98.

IRISH: Please divert your course 15 degrees to the south to avoid a collision.

BRITISH: Recommend you divert your course 15 degrees to the north to avoid a collision.

IRISH: Negative. You will have to divert your course 15 degrees to the south to avoid a collision.

BRITISH: This is the captain of a British navy ship. I say again, divert YOUR course.

IRISH: Negative. I say again, you will have to divert YOUR course.

BRITISH: THIS IS THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER HMS BRITANNIA! THE SECOND LARGEST SHIP IN THE BRITISH ATLANTIC FLEET. WE ARE ACCOMPANIED BY THREE DESTROYERS, THREE CRUISERS AND NUMEROUS SUPPORT VESSELS. DEMAND YOU CHANGE YOUR COURSE 15 DEGREES NORTH. I SAY AGAIN, THAT IS 15 DEGREES NORTH OR COUNTERMEASURES WILL BE UNDERTAKEN TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THIS SHIP.

IRISH: We are a lighthouse. Your call

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port of the Village's efforts, the Club has agreed to locate the weigh-in station outside the Grist Mill and to make available North Dock washrooms, phone, utility, and Internet access services. Only those contestants thinking that they have a winning fish are expected to come ashore to the weigh-in station.

Club members will also be happy to hear that the waterfront marine services provided by RCR Yachts will be complimented by services from the newly opened Youngstown Marina (formerly Williams Marine). New owners and managers Alex Catalano and John Frank will provide services for both sail and power boat owners, including slips for sailboats up to 42 feet, marine grade gasoline and diesel fuel, ice and soft drinks, and boat cleaning services. Alex and John credit the opening of the Youngstown Marina to the support and encouragement they received from YYC Club members Fred Stephens, Bob Reese, Ken Garnjost, Don Finkle, Butch Cannon, and Rick Lohr.

YYC members will also see improvements to the Club's outdoor facilities. The Board has approved replacing the "sun awning" over the patio area with a rain-proof awning, the purchase of additional patio furniture, durable trash receptacles to be placed by the gate near the launch area, inside the washrooms on the North Dock, and within a fenced-in area near the haul-out area. In addition, the Board approved two new gas grills and two picnic tables for placement along the North Dock, and funding to support the member tended flower gardens. Improvements to the dingy launch ramp and repair of the bricked area in front of the North Dock shed is scheduled, as well as repair of the flat area of the Clubhouse roof. Ray Volpe, Club Secretary.

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Board Reports

New Board Directors

The YYC Board has created two new Director positions: Cruising Director and Director for Planning YYC's 75th Anniversary celebrations. Dick Roach has agreed to organize this year's cruising events, and MaryAlice Eckert has agreed to coordinate and help plan this year's 75th anniversary celebrations.

Fleet Report

Norm Behring of NOLSC and I have been diligently working on the 2006 YYC/NOLSC Race Schedule. Paul Hays has posted a tentative version on the YYC website. It is for reference only because it is preliminary and subject to revision. The dates with question marks are yet to be finalized, but any dates could change. Did I mention that the posted schedule is preliminary?

Andy Hooker has signed up again as the YYC PHRF handicapper. Actually he prefers to be called "assistant." He has been filling this void for many years. We need someone to come on as a real assistant to learn the ropes. If you race PHRF this is your opportunity to help out and keep things going. Call Andy or me if you can help.

Another thing Andy has stepped forward to do over the years is take Blue Moon over to Ashbridges Yacht Club and drive for their Ashbridges One-Design Regatta. In turn Ashbridges always supplies the Sarah Ashbridges for our Level Regatta. This has helped both Clubs over the years. Andy is unable to do it for the May 27, 28 dates this year. I will personally deliver the Blue Moon to Ashbridges and bring her back, but I need a YYC representative to take her out to the racecourse both days of racing. This is a great opportunity to make new friends and see how a Race Committee operates first hand. Please contact me if you are able to help.

Maggie Steyn and Helen Snyder are again going to keep score. I had planned on eliminating flags for Wednesday Nights as I feel the flags should only be awarded for larger events to keep their value. There are many members that don't share my view and feel the flags enhance Wednesday fun. As a compromise I am ordering yellow, blue and red flags imprinted with "YYC WEEKLY" (no year) to award on Wednesday evenings. (I have so far resisted the temptation to order them with "YYC Weakly" imprinted.)

The YYC Sprint Regatta has long been a way to shake out the cobwebs for C&C 29's and J/22's. This year we plan to add the Beneteau 36.7's to the fun. A

bit of YYC Sprints history from Don Finkle: "I should mention how the Sprints came about. One day after a very close and exciting race with Rockin' Chair (we were on Ragtime), I suggested to the Rockin' Chair crew that we race up to one of the marks and back for a case of beer (actually I think it was more of a dare than an invitation). It was a beautiful weekend day, there was plenty of time for racing left, and we were all pumped up. So we did indeed race up that one leg and back. I can't recall who won, and it doesn't matter. Afterward we decided that this short race was fun and we should do more of it, and so the idea of the Sprints was formed." Vic Snyder, V.C. Fleet

Yard

I am looking forward to serving this year as V.C. Yard and am fortunate to follow in the footsteps of exceptional predecessors that have left the facilities in remarkable condition. Within the limitations of budget my goals are to keep the yard in the best possible condition for all to enjoy.

There will be work parties organized in the upcoming months. Last year's parties offered great opportunities to get to know fellow members as well as show off some hidden talents. As for myself I learned plenty about polishing brass as a fraternity pledge and hope to apply some of those skills again to the Clubs interior.

Everyone with an interest in serving on the Yard Committee is very welcome. Please call or e-mail me.

In closing I wish to thank those members whom volunteered their time to prepare the club for the winter, Especially Jim Jaremka for his contributions to winterizing the plumbing on the North property. Mark Kirby, V.V. Yard

Cruising

(See [Cruising](#) article on Page 7.)

Secretary

(See [Waterfront Projects and Events Will Benefit Club Members](#) on Page 1.)

75th Anniversary

(See [75th Anniversary](#) box on Page 6.)

Events Calendar

- Fri, March 17 St. Patrick's Day Celebration
(see Page 2 for details)
- Fri, April 7 Port-of-Call event: Cape Town
(watch *Weekly Waves* for details)

75th Anniversary Events

- Sat, April 29 Cocktail party to celebrate the official beginning of our Club.
- Sat, June 10 75th Anniversary Gala, celebrating our history.
- Sun, June 11 Commissioning Day,

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