



Ripples

June 2005



From The Bridge Deck

May was a very busy month at YYC. We've scheduled more events early in the season in order to keep valuable summer weekends free to sail and enjoy other outdoor activities. Everything but tea was consumed at the Past Commodore's Tea Dance,

but there was dancing as Ned Gillick twirled and dipped Barbara Finn. Rosemary Dawdy and Karen Noonan did a terrific job hosting this very special event.

Melanie and I hope that everyone that attended the Commodores Ball enjoyed it as much as we did. Clare, the servers and the kitchen staff did a wonderful job. I would like to thank Melanie and Mary Alice Eckert for their tremendous effort on the preparations and decorations. I'm sure the lovely punch bowl that was presented to me will serve well at many Wassail parties to come.

The Youngstown Yacht Club has had a proud racing reputation throughout the Great Lakes during our seventy-four year history. One family name has stood out nearly back to our beginning. Since Elmer J. Doyle brought his boat to YYC for the 1936 LYRA Regatta, the Doyle family has successfully represented YYC in yacht racing events locally and nationally. His son, Elmer J. Doyle Jr., affectionately known to all of us as Skip or The Chief, has had an unparalleled racing career. Mention the name Skip Doyle anywhere on Lake Ontario and you will get immediate recognition due to his sailing success and contributions to the sport.

Melanie and I had the privilege of racing against Skip in the C&C 29 fleet for over 13 years. He is the definition of a gentleman sailor. He makes anyone sailing against him a better sailor by freely sharing his knowledge and by making you try harder to beat him. One very effective tactic of Skip's that took me several years to figure out was hosting nightly parties aboard Rockin' Chair. The yellow plastic cups came up from below overflowing with rum and a creative ice sculpture sticking out of the top. Any "klinkage" of ice in your empty glass was an invitation for a quick refill. The next day many would suffer from the previous night's poison while Skip never seemed to miss a beat.

On Saturday, July 3rd, Skip will be honored with the dedication of a new trophy in his name that will be used to acknowledge outstanding achievements in sailing. The trophy will be awarded at this event to individuals with significant sailing accomplishments. This celebration is open to all and I encourage everyone to attend as I'm sure it will be a wonderful recognition of many individual and Club accomplishments. Look for more details in this Ripples edition and in upcoming Weekly Waves.

Skip Doyle Trophy Winners Announced



About a year ago a number of YYC sailors decided to create a very special award, something above and beyond awards normally given for race or regatta wins. The intent was to recognize significant racing achievements by sailors with a connection to YYC, or by those who learned to

sail here and then went out into the world to accomplish big things in our sport.

Twenty individuals have been chosen by the selection committee to be the inaugural awardees. Together they represent the best of 74 years racing history by YYC sailors. Those individuals are listed below.

Once the idea for this award was accepted, it was time to find a name for it. It was virtually a "no brainer" to name it after Elmer J. "Skip" Doyle, Jr. Skip is the one YYC sailor who has successfully competed in this sport for over fifty years...and who still continues to do so today. Skip has been the guy to beat in virtually every fleet he has sailed in, and on top of that he has groomed so many of his crew to be successful in their own right.

Skip is the consummate gentleman; he wins by virtue of his uncanny ability to steer a boat and to make it go fast in all conditions, not by exploiting the rules or by having the latest equipment. You will not hear him yelling his way around the course or bullying his competitors. To have your name inscribed on a trophy named after YYC's most prominent sailor is indeed an honor.

The list of names below includes the first twenty winners of this award. To be included on this list you must have won an event or events of significance. For example, the award winners include Collegiate Sailing All Americans, National, North American, and Pan American and World Champions. We are announcing them now so that family and friends and old crew members have the opportunity to plan ahead so they may attend the ceremony on July 2 at YYC from 4-7 pm. We will not list the accomplishments of each

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Initiation Fee Waiver Ends June 30

The successful no initiation fee membership drive has been extended to June 30th. Now is the time to encourage prospective members to join the Club. The Club is especially interested in attracting racing and cruising crew who would like to enjoy the full range of services that membership offers. Remember, prospects don't have to own a boat to join; they can join as Associate (social) members. Those interested should contact Josie (745-7230 x10) for a membership application kit.

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News about Club events and members are always welcome and highly encouraged. E-mail articles and photos to LibertaT37@verizon.net or drop them off with Josie in the YYC Club Office.

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Important June Events

by Melanie Tisdale
Entertainment Chair

Secretary's Race

Saturday, June 11, 11:30 am

Have you always wondered what it was like to get out on the race course? Have you always wanted to scream "STARBOARD" at the top of your lungs at another boat? Have you ever felt the urge to jump out of one of the YYC windows...wait, let me rephrase that! If you answered "yes" to any one of these questions, then the Secretary's Race is for you. Plan on being at the Club on Saturday, June 11 for some racing fun. Starting at 11:30, we'll enjoy free clams, chowder and beer. All names will be thrown into a hat, and names will be pulled to pick crews. We will be racing the Beneteau 36.7's, so it's a perfect opportunity to jump on one of these great new boats. At approximately 1:00 p.m., everyone goes into the Clubhouse. Then, the Club Secretary will fire a gun (and try not to shoot any particular member) and we'll get out of the Clubhouse the fastest way possible (including jumping out of the windows!). We then have a fun race led by the Club Secretary, who may move marks or impose penalties on any of the boats involved (which may include – "throw me a beer" or "do a 360!"). The first boat to get around the marks, be tied up at the dock and have all its crew members at the bar WITH A BEER IN HAND (very important) – wins the race! If that sounds like fun for you and your family, plan on being there! Any questions, call VC Fleet, Vic Snyder at (716) 283-7073.

Commissioning Day and Sail Past

Sunday, June 12, 11:30 am

Everyone needs a little pomp and circumstance in their life, particularly with the rich heritage that the Youngstown Yacht Club has to offer. Put on your blues and whites and join us on the lawn on Sunday, June 12, as the Officers and Directors are inducted to YYC. The Clubhouse will open at 11:30 a.m., with light refreshments, and the Commissioning Ceremony will commence at 1:00 p.m. This year we are honored to have Art Theobald, President of the International Order of the Blue Gavel, as our Adjutant. If you haven't seen a Commissioning Ceremony before, please bring your friends and family down and share in this tradition with us. After the ceremony, sail past and salute the Commodore on his boat at the mooring. If you don't

(see [June Events](#), page 10)



Scott Walter is in Alaska climbing Denali, the highest peak in North America. Scott normally crews on *Overtime* but took time off for this expedition.

Butch and Sue Cannon recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in Bermuda. Butch found the harbor to be very interesting.

Travis Mastroianni will wed Erin Moore on June 11. Travis recently graduated from medical school and will head off to Michigan for his residency training in Radiology. His brother Michael enters his Senior year at Clarkson.

Morgan Paxhia graduated in May from URI and plans to live and work in the Newport RI area. His immediate goal is a job in the sailing industry. His roommate for the summer will be Tim Finkle, who is interning for TYCO before entering his senior year at Connecticut College. Tim was recently elected captain of his college lacrosse team. Jordan Paxhia is teaching outside Boston and will complete her Master's degree in June. Emily Paxhia is also working in Boston and plans to go back to school to earn her PhD in Psychology. Travis Finkle, Maria Mastroianni, Jen Fortune, Sarah Goller (now married and with a child), and Amanda Ruscitto are other ex-YYC Junior sailors living and working in Boston.

What do Melanie Tisdale, Heather Finkle and Peggy Finkle all have in common? They either just turned FIFTY or are about to! This should earn me some points, don't you think??

Alex O'Brien is the father of new baby boy Jake.

A team from Youngstown will be headed to Detroit next week to try and defend the NOOD title they won there last year. Skipper Don Finkle's *Seaweed* is being delivered by water, and the crew will be Gary & Melanie Tisdale, Mike O'Connor, Bob Hesse, Chris Hesse and John Goller (the younger).

Locker Rentals

Basement 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 needed. The fee is \$150.00 per year




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Board Reports

Harbormaster

We are all looking forward to a warm summer and some fine sailing. I had a guest and new sailor from Toronto to the Club last week and he was amazed at what a nice operation we have. Bob Reese and his crew are hard at work continuing to set moorings, launch and repair boats. Should you need some special attention, I am sure they will work hard to accommodate you.

Just a quick review of the mooring field protocol. I know this is old stuff but its important:

- The mooring needs to be secured to the starboard bow of your boat. The wheel or tiller needs to be positioned such that your boat is feathering in the current to the American side of the river. [This should keep the mooring from rubbing against your hull.] Do not rely on your boat's wheel brake alone; a rope tied to the wheel is a good safety mechanism.
- If your mooring begins to sink due to the weight of weeds, secure a large fender to a length of line that you attach to the pennant. Should the mooring ball sink a few feet below the surface, this extra float and line will make it much easier to retrieve the mooring and shake off the weeds. It would be sensible to alert the launch driver of the situation as you depart so that an alternative mooring can be suggested or the weeds removed in your absence.
- If you are not satisfied with the actions, performance, etc. of our launch drivers please do not take them to task. You may contact me at (716) 440-2096 or contact Bob Reese at (716) 745-7545 to review the issue and we will work cooperatively to remedy the situation. Overall, I think we are fortunate to have such a good group of launch drivers and boat yard workers looking after us.
- In times of heavy use...race nights for example, it would streamline the pick up and drop off service immensely if the skipper and a crewmember were to bring the boat dockside to pick up and drop off crew. It does not take many boats with a crew of 7 or 8 to fill a launch. Also the repetitive trips to a single boat dropping off crew one at a time ties up the launch making it harder to provide a timely service. This is a suggestion, not a hard and fast rule. From my vantage point, it would be smart to get your crew into the bar quickly to brag about your fine showing.
- If you notice a worn mooring pennant, take some action. Secure an extra line to the mooring ball while the yard makes you a replacement.

Happy Sailing. Mark Kirby, Harbor Master

Fleet

Thanks go to PC Harv Kolm for volunteering to serve as YYC Protest Committee chair for our interclub races. Harv will bring much knowledge and tradition to the table when needed.

A very big thanks to Mike Gotthelf for again donating

Board Reports (Continued)

all 550 copies of the *YYC/NOLSC Sailing Instructions* (SI's). Mike has been doing this for many years now. To save mailing costs the SI's were mailed to only Regular and Senior members. Additional copies are available at the Club for anyone that needs them.

Thanks to Chris Doyle, Will Harris and Joe O'Brien for getting the Blue Moon bottom prepped and painted. Thanks to RCR's Bruce and John for all their work coordinating and launching the Blue Moon. I was unable to get down to help (hinder??) the operation. As I haven't identified a 1000 Island Cruise chairperson, it appears the 1000 Island Cruise may become a bi-annual event. Contact me very soon if you want to help make it happen this year.

Another reminder is to mark your calendar for the Secretary's Race/Party Saturday June 11. It's a great way to get out for a casual (very casual) race and really get to know other members. There's nothing like being on a boat with nowhere else to go to get to really know people. I can't stress enough that **YOU DON'T NEED ANY PREVIOUS BOATING EXPERIENCE TO HAVE FUN AT THIS RACE/PARTY**. Come out, have a few clams, and get out on the water with your friends.

Here's some web pages that new member (also my daughter) Beth Snyder came up with for beginning racers. There's a bunch of good basic info in these links.

<http://www.macgregor.net/sailing/SailGame.html>

<http://www.racingrules.org/>

http://www.sailingbreezes.com/Sailing_Breezes_Current/Articles/Nov00/dell1.htm

<http://tcn.cse.fau.edu/homepage/esp99/src/brian/tutorial.html>

Vic Snyder, VC Fleet

Yard

I hope everyone is working hard on getting their boats ready for launch. As soon as the pads are clear the J-22's can begin their sailing season and we can set up the North property tent.

Jim Jaremka fixed the lawn mower and cut the grass in time for our reopening of the Club restaurant – thanks Jim. There are some minor projects still to be attended to, such as installing the new paper and soap dispensers, cleaning the window screens, WD40 all door hinges. A couple of bigger projects are fixing the screen doors on the restrooms at the North building, cleaning out the Grist Mill, and painting the fence (Howard and Karen Noonan volunteered to chair this project – I am sure they would like to hear from anyone who can help). Chuck, our maintenance man, has begun mowing and will keep up with the garbage cans. Please help keep our grounds tidy by placing all trash in a garbage can or taking it to a dumpster.

Sheila Kalm and her crew planted hundreds of tulip bulbs last year. They are absolutely beautiful and worth all the hard work; many thanks to all who helped. Sheila is always looking

for help with the flower beds and her "garden plans." Be sure to let her know how you can help out..

The north building restrooms are functioning and I believe the hot water is now on.

Don't forget to cover the ground below your hull when painting and sanding – it makes clean up much easier.

Please give me a call (754-0930) if you discover a project we missed or if you want to volunteer to help.

MaryAlice Eckert, VC Yard

Membership

Twelve new members joined the Club in May. We welcome new Regular members Margaret Certo, Anders and Sandra Johansson, and Cheryl and Peter Milicia. We also welcome new Intermediate members Heather and Richard Kornacki, and new Associate members Vincent and Kathleen Cerrone, John and Carla Lynch, Dr. Lyle McDonald, Judie Robinson MacKay, Chris and Charlene Mierzwa, John and Laura Pazamickas. Welcome also to new Junior Associate members Jason and Jennifer Lombardi, and last but not least, welcome to new Non-Resident members Tom and Sharon Simon.

Because of the great response, the board has extended the no-initiation special to include applications received by June 30th, 2005. That is a potential savings of about \$300 to \$1000 depending on membership class.

At the last membership meeting in April, a dues reduction for younger members was approved by the membership. Intermediate member dues have been reduced to \$300 per year, and Associate member dues for ages 21 to 34 have been reduced to \$200 per year. This is an important step in attracting younger members to the Club.

The summer is just kicking into high gear and there are plenty of incentives to introduce prospective members to the Club. Please 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

Junior Sailing

It is hard to believe that another Sailing Session is upon us. The Junior Sailing Committee has been hard at work preparing for 2005. All members have received a Junior Sailing Package. The best sales people for our program is our membership, so even if no one in your immediate family is going to attend Junior Sailing, please pass on the package to a neighbor or relative. It is a wonderful program and a great experience for the kids who participate.

Jim Carminati, Jr. Sailing Chair.



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Once again, we are looking for housing for the race committees for our Level and LYRA Regattas. If you have a spare bedroom that is available for the Level weekend (Friday night, July 22 and Saturday, July 23) or for the LYRA Regatta the following weekend (Thursday night, July 29, Friday night, July 30, and Saturday night, July 31) please contact either Kathy Goller at (716) 745-7245, or Melanie Tisdale at (716) 754-8245 or cc29firsttoday@aol.com.

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REMINDER – please use a drop cloth when painting your boat. If spraying, remember to protect the boats around you. Mary Alice Eckert, VC Yard.

Congratulations to Rory Ring and Lorie Hamilton, this year's first Canadian visitors (by sea). They sailed *Sexy Beast*, a Beneteau 36.7, over from Ashbridges Bay Yacht Club on Friday, May 6th.

Level / LYRA Kick-Off Party

Level and LYRA 2005 (River City Race Week), is coming to YYC starting July 22. This will be the biggest yachting event on the Great Lakes this summer. On Friday, June 10 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, there will be a regatta kick-off party at the Club for all members. It will be a great opportunity to learn more about these events and sign up to volunteer for one of the many committees. You'll be able to meet the committee chairs and find out what their committees do and sign up for a specific time slot. There will be FREE beer and wine and giveaways throughout the evening. Volunteering to help at one of the regattas is the best way to meet new people and get involved in on-the-water activities.

LEVEL Regatta Volunteers Needed

Well, it's getting closer to summer and to the 2005 edition of YYC's Level Regatta. We seem to be on schedule regarding all the usual things, but still have a few personnel gaps to fill. Namely, finding a few good men (or women) to help with the ebb and flow of all things vehicular on Water Street during the entire weekend from Thursday evening right through to Sunday afternoon.

I'd like to split up the Water Street assignment to four hour shifts among a few people so no one is working the entire weekend. We have one person on board right now and need to find a couple more members who'd like to help out. As an alternative, and I don't want to do this, paid private security may have to cover this assignment. Having to do this would add significant expense to the Level budget. It would be unfortunate to be forced to pay people because our Club couldn't field enough volunteers to meet the needs of its biggest event. I know you're out there just waiting to sign up.

If you'd like to spend some time playing in traffic on Water Street, or just need more information before committing, contact Stan at (spasek@xtalwind.net). Stan Pasek

If you would like to volunteer at the Level Regatta, the Clothing Committee would love your help. There is a sign-up sheet at the Yacht Club, or email Amy Reynolds at amy_w_reynolds@hotmail.com or call her at 716-745-7635



Liberta is ready to help celebrate July 4th!

July 4 Weekend Sailing Events

Two very important events will be held on the July 2-4 weekend this year, please mark your calendars now and plan to be in town. On Saturday July 2nd the new Skip Doyle Trophy will be dedicated and the first class of recipients will be presented with their awards. The presentation will be from 4-7 PM and it will be an affair not to be missed! Essentially this is a celebration of the most significant achievements in sailing in over 70 years of history at YYC.

On Sunday July 3rd we will host the growing Junior Sailing Alumni Regatta. Co-Chairs for this event are Amy Reynolds and Don Finkle. Volunteers are welcome. We hope that folks coming into town for the Skip Doyle Trophy ceremony the day before will stick around for this popular and fun event.

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.

YYC-NOLSC Race Schedule 2005							
Month	Events	Series	Day	Date(s)	Host	Invited	Special Instr.
April	Furlined (N)	3/4	Sunday	3,10,17,24	NOLSC	Interclub	1 start
May	Seven Year (N)	3/4	Sunday	1,8,15,22	NOLSC	Interclub	1 start
	Wednesday Practice	-	Wednesday	18	NOLSC	Interclub	-
	Cyril Read (N/Y/R)	4/5	Wednesday	25	NOLSC	Interclub	-
	J22 Racing	-	Thursday	26	YYC	Interclub	Yes
	Port Weller (N)	-	Sunday	29	NOLSC	Interclub	Yes
June	Cyril Read (N/Y/R)	4/5	Wednesday	1,8,15,22	NOLSC	Interclub	-
	J22 Racing/Laser(6/30)	-	Thursday	2,9,16,23,30	YYC	Interclub	Yes
	Sprints	-	Saturday	4	YYC	C&C29,J22	Yes
	NOLSC Sailpast	-	Sunday	5	NOLSC	NOLSC	-
	Tuesday Night Main & Jib	-	Tuesday	7,14,21,28	YYC	Registrants	Yes & White Sails
	Secretaries Race	-	Saturday	11	YYC	Interclub	Yes
	YYC Sailpast	-	Sunday	12	YYC	YYC	-
	Optimists & Prams	-	Thursday	16,23	YYC	Interclub	Yes
	Fathers Day Regatta	-	Saturday	18	DYC	Registrants	Yes
	Pelican (N/Y)	3/3	Sunday	19	NOLSC	Interclub	-
	Sheet Tailer's (N/Y/R)	3/4	Wednesday	29	NOLSC	Interclub	-
	Laser	-	Thursday	30	YYC	Interclub	Yes
July	C&C Owners	-	Sat-Sun	1,2,3	NYC	Registrants	Yes
	Jr. Sailing Alumni Regatta	-	Sunday	3	YYC	Registrants	Yes
	Tuesday Night Main & Jib	-	Tuesday	5,12,19,26	YYC	Registrants	Yes & White Sails
	Sheet Tailer's (N/Y/R)	3/4	Wednesday	6,13,20(NOT 27)	NOLSC	Interclub	-
	J22 Racing/Laser	-	Thursday	7,14,21(NOT 28)	YYC	Interclub	Yes
	Optimists & Prams	-	Thursday	7,14,21(NOT 28)	YYC	Interclub	Yes
	Laser	-	Thursday	7,14,21(NOT 28)	YYC	Interclub	Yes
	Niagara Cup (N)	-	Saturday	16	NOLSC	Registrants	Yes
	Laser Regatta	-	Saturday	16	YYC	Registrants	Yes
	Level Regatta	-	Sat & Sun	23,24	YYC	Registrants	Yes
	LYRA Founder's Cup	-	None2005				
	LYRA Centennial	-	Monday	25	LYRA/YYC	Registrants	Yes
	LYRA Freeman Cup	-	Wed-Thurs	27,28	LYRA/YYC	Registrants	Yes
LYRA Day races	-	Fri-Sun	29,30,31	LYRA/YYC	Registrants	Yes	
August	Tuesday Night Main & Jib	-	Tuesday	2,9,16,23,30	YYC	Registrants	Yes & White Sails
	Lincoln Trust (N/Y/R)	4/5	Wednesday	3,10,17,24,31	NOLSC	Interclub	-
	Laser	-	Thursday	4,11,18,25	YYC	Interclub	Yes
	J22 Racing/Laser	-	Thursday	4,11,18,25	YYC	Interclub	Yes
	Optimists & Prams	-	Thursday	4,11,18,25	YYC	Interclub	Yes
	Junior Olympics	-	Fri-Sun	12-14	RYC	Registrants	Yes
	Hospice	3/3	Saturday	13	YYC	Registrants	Yes
	1812 (N/Y)	1	Sunday	28	NOLSC	Interclub	Yes
Sept.	J22 Racing	-	Thursday	1,8,15	YYC	Interclub	Yes
	Cornucopia Regatta	-	Sat-Sun	2,3,4	DYC	Registrants	Yes
	Tuesday Night Main & Jib	-	Tuesday	6,13	YYC	Registrants	Yes & White Sails
	September Wed Night (N)	2/3	Wednesday	7,14,21	NOLSC	Interclub	-
	Cock of the Walk	-	Sunday	11	YYC	Interclub	Yes
	Fall Series (N/Y)	3/3	Sunday	18	NOLSC	Interclub	-
	Nutshell Frostbite	-	Sunday	25??	YYC	Open	Yes
	Shark-Homecomers	-	Sat & Sun	24, 25	NOLSC	Registrants	Yes
Oct.	October Cup (N)	4/5	Sunday	2,9,16,23,30	NOLSC	Interclub	1 start
	Nutshell Frostbite	-	Sunday	2,9,16,23,30??	YYC	Open	Yes
	Tom Turkey	-	Saturday	15	NOLSC	NOLSC	Yes
	YYC Awards	-	Saturday	22	YYC		
Nov.	NOLSC Awards Brunch	-	Sunday	13	NOLSC		
	Nutshell Frostbite	-	Sunday	6,13,20,27??	YYC	Open	Yes
Dec.	Nutshell Frostbite	-	Sunday	4,11??	YYC	Open	Yes
* Counts towards NOLSC Boat of the Year (N) *					* Counts towards YYC Championship (Y) *		
					* Counts towards River Championship (R) *		
							ver. 2005/9

YYC Junior Sailing

Junior Sailing Awards Needed

The Junior Sailing program is in desperate need of "Perpetual" Awards to be donated. These awards are the ones that stay at the Yacht Club in the Trophy Case with the winners' names engraved on them year after year. Our Junior Sailors take great honor in winning these awards.

These Awards are traditionally named in honor/memory of families or family members such as the Cain Award or the Van Voris Trophy. If you would like to honor or memorialize a loved one, this is a GREAT way! If you would like to help, please call Amy Reynolds at 716-745-7230 or email her at amy_w_reynolds@hotmail.com. Amy Reynolds



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person at this time; you will need to come to the ceremony for that. This event promises to be very special, with so many excellent sailors present. The stories will be priceless. Reservations will be a must.

Skip Doyle Trophy Winners Named:

Ted Booth
 Randy Borges
 Gordon Borges
 Adam Burns
 J.D. "Butch" Cannon
 Sherm Cannon
 Mike Danish
 Elmer "Bud" Doyle
 Skip Doyle
 Kevin Doyle
 Chris Doyle
 Peter Doyle
 Paul Grenauer
 Will Harris
 Paul Hays
 Bill Hays
 Jack Huebschmann
 John Mies
 John Simon
 Duff Thompson

4th Annual Junior Sailing Alumni Regatta July 3rd, 2005

The 4th Annual Junior Sailing Regatta will be held on July 3rd, 2005 at the Youngstown Yacht Club. All Junior Sailing Alumni are encouraged to come reminisce, sail and just have a great time! You will not believe how much fun it is to be back in these little dinghies - we can assure you it will be the most fun you have all year. If you can't race, help is always needed on the Race Committee boat.

Registration will begin at 10 am. Alumni can race in Nutshells, Lasers or 420's and can use their own crew (family and friends welcome) or just show up and pair up with other Alumni! All registrants will receive a 2005 Jr. Sailing Alumni Regatta t-shirt, sure to be a collector's item!

After a day of racing, Junior Sailing Alumni, YYC members, friends and family are invited to join us at the dock for an old fashioned Dock Party. This is definitely one of the best regattas of the summer, and THE BEST party!

For more information, email Amy Reynolds at amy_w_reynolds@hotmail.com, call her at (716)745-7230, or email Don Finkle at dbfinkle@aol.com.

Please pass the word on to friends or family that you know have been junior sailors in the past!

Amy Reynolds



Sheila Kalm - YYC Gardner *Extraordinaire*

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have a boat, there are plenty of members who will have space on their boats and would be happy to have you join them. Following the Sail Past, return to the Club for the Directors' Steak Roast (see below for more info.). Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact VC Yard, Mary Alice Eckert, at (716) 754-0930.

Directors' Steak Roast – Sunday, June 12, ~ 4 pm

On Sunday, June 12, come to the Club and see the Directors REALLY work as they grill steaks to your liking! Immediately following the SailPast, or approximately 4 p.m., the Directors will cook your steaks to order (for non-meat lovers, there will be other choices available). LeMetro will provide some yummy salads and other goodies to accompany the steaks. From 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Stayner and Neyerlin will play all of our favorite tunes for your listening and dancing enjoyment, plus there will be plenty of sidewalk chalk to keep the small ones happy. Reservations are encouraged, so please call (716) 745-7230, Ext. 18 and let us know you'll be there! If you have any questions, please call Melanie Tisdale at (716) 754-8245.

July 4 AT YYC - Monday, July 4 - 3 pm to 6 pm

The Club will be decorated with red, white and blue as Donna and Jim Huggins once again chair the annual July 4 party at YYC. Plan on bringing your friends and family down for some flag waving fun! LeMetro is planning a wonderful barbecue and there will be music for your listening enjoyment. Set aside the date now and look for more details in the upcoming Weekly Waves or in the Clubhouse. If you have any questions, call Donna or Jim at (716) 745-3297.

Main Sail In-Mast Furling Systems

RCR News

In recent years most of the cruising boats RCR has sold have been equipped with in-mast mainsail furling. The cost of these systems has come down, and the reliability has gone up. They work great but like everything else in life there is no free lunch. The downside to the in-mast furling, which is super simple to operate, is a loss of performance due to the loss of shape and sail area of the batten-less furling main. For most folks this performance loss is not that significant, and considering the numerous advantages of the furling main it remains extremely popular. But for some sailors, especially those accustomed to performance, in-mast furling is too much of a compromise.

Now there are alternatives. Yesterday I took Howard and Karen out for a sail on their new Hunter 36, the first new boat we have sold with a Furlboom. This system uses a fully-battened mainsail that rolls up inside the boom instead of inside the mast. The advantage is that the sail shape is much better than with in-mast furling. The first few times we tried to hoist and lower the sail we got binding and it just wasn't smooth. Turned out that everything we had heard about furling booms is true.... you have to work with them to get them adjusted right, but when you do they are slick as a whistle. We found the correct boom angle and then presto! The sail went up and down like a dream.

The Furlboom system uses an integral disappearing mainsail cover that just pulls over the rolled sail inside the boom when you are done, much easier than a conventional sail cover. We use an electric halyard winch to hoist and roll the sail, taking all the effort out of it. You have virtually infinite reefing capability too, same as with in-mast furling mainsails. The downside to the furling boom system is cost, since you really need an electric halyard winch, and the furling mechanism is fairly expensive. However, for those who wish the best marriage of convenience and performance, this is the way to go.

The in-between system, offering better performance than standard in-mast furling but less expensive than a furling boom, is the vertical batten mainsail. This system furls the main inside the mast, but with vertical battens that improve sail shape and increase the leech area of the sail. Hunter now offers this on most models and Beneteau will do so soon. The cost is more than standard in-mast furling sails, but less than furling boom systems. For those who want a normal mainsail yet need more control during dousing, the Dutchman system works well.

Why We Sail

As someone who taught himself to sail in a 14' day sailor, I've never quite adjusted to all the technology found aboard sailboats today. Learning to use a compass and factoring in deviation added a whole new dimension to my young sailing experience. Learning dead reckoning to plot a course led me into cruising.

I vividly recall my first time experiencing the sight of land disappearing over the transom as I headed to Toronto. The curvature of the earth was no longer a textbook factoid. The CN tower was still on the drawing boards and the Royal York Hotel dominated Toronto's skyline (I'm that old) – so my horizon in all directions was blue water and a near cloudless sky.... Common sense and practical skills ruled: as long as I could see the sun and knew the approximate time of day, I knew which direction to steer toward shore.

My first keelboat had a mechanical log, no depth sounder, and cloth flies at the masthead and shrouds for wind direction. From our mooring we signaled the launch by blowing into a horn three times. My most trusted wind direction finder was - and still is - simply facing into the wind and turning until the pressure of the wind is even on both cheeks. Doesn't require batteries and it feels good, too.

So I marvel at all the technology aboard Liberta, a traditional Tartan 37CB. When Judy and I found her she was already outfitted with an electronic depth sounder, knot meter, wind speed/direction finder, auto pilot, radar and GPS plot charter – all of which I'm still learning to fully utilize. Impressed? Don't be. Ours is not a state-of-the-art vessel! Today solar panels and wind generators power the cruiser's electronics, the cell phone is nudging the VHF ship-to-shore radio aside, and a cable connecting your cell phone to your laptop computer provides access to email, Internet satellite images of the weather you are sailing through, and plots of the freighters passing you in the night.

We are a seasoned sailing club with members who possess a wealth of experiential knowledge. Whether you're an adventurous cruiser or someone who enjoys racing in circles around cushioned markers [:=)], we'd like to hear from you. No topic is out of bounds. Nostalgic remembrances of the perfect cruise, the thrill of the race, favorite stories and characters from gabfests, practical solutions to common problems, your favorite rum drink concoction, a galley recipe for a fail safe, simple meal - anything that gives you pleasure to share. Email your favorite yarn and pictures to: LibertaT37@verizon.net or drop them off with Josie in the YYC Club office. Ray Volpe, Club Secretary

16th Annual Solstice Cruise June 17 – 20

We have room for more boats to sign-up for this season opening cruise to Mimico Cruising Club.

I have just consulted the long-range weather forecast and it will be a great weekend. If you want to

have a comfortable sail over to Mimico, history suggests that you find out which day Jim Jaremka is sailing over and select the other day.

Friday is the preferred day to sail to Mimico Cruising Club as they have a great band that plays there on Friday night and you then have Saturday to enjoy in Toronto. Whatever day you come over, the Saturday cocktail party and dinner at the Mimico Cruising Club are always fun and our regulars bring pictures of prior trips.

Sign-up Sheet is on the bulletin board at the club entrance or phone me, Pat Mackey at 745-7331.



Reciprocal Clubs

Our last Ripples had an article regarding the opportunity for YYC members to enjoy the hospitality of other Yacht Clubs. I'd like to suggest that if you are ever in St. Petersburg, Florida, stop at the St. Pete YC. Recently Shirley and I met Howard and Elaine Ledder there for a late lunch and a few glasses of wine. The clubhouse is a beautiful building across the street from the yacht basin and has its own parking ramp with valet parking. There is also a swimming pool on the second floor! Are you listening YYC Long Range Planning committee? Anyway, you'll need a current membership card and need to register at the desk upon entering. The very gracious staff will issue you a temporary three-day membership and ask if you'd like to be billed at home or by credit card. Once armed with your St. Pete card you can sample the wares at the bar, or dine in one of several areas signing a chit as you do in Youngstown. Prices are unbelievably reasonable and the food is excellent. As I said, the building is beautiful and filled with all sorts of half hull models, private burgees and old photos. You can easily while away a whole afternoon or evening. I understand they have live music every evening. One caution, however, you can not bring guests so your group will all have to be YYC members. Stan Pasek

Events Calendar

Sat, June 11	Secretary's Race
Sun, June 12	Commissioning Day, Sail Past
Sun, June 12	Steak Roast
Fri-Sun, June 17-20	Solstice Cruise to Mimico
Sun, June 19	Father's Day
Sat, July 2	Skip Doyle Award Party
Sun, July 3	Jr. Sailing Alumni Regatta and Party
Mon, July 4	Dock Party
Sun, July 10	In Water Boat Show
Fri-Sun, July 22-24	Level Regatta
Thur-Sun, July 28-31	LYRA Regatta
August	TBD
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
Sat, Dec 3	Wassail Bowl Holiday Party
Sat, Dec 31	New Year's Eve Party

**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
- ✓ Dinner/Luncheon
- ✓ Open Bar
- ✓ VIP Spectator Yacht to View Race
- ✓ 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.*



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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.