From the Bridge Deck

This month marks the 75th Commissioning of the Youngstown Yacht Club. It's hard to picture what took place 75 years ago. Our ceremony on June 11th will include just enough pomp and circumstance, with the raising of the flags, singing of the anthems, introduction of the Board of Directors, the firing of muskets — for those of you who have never had the pleasure of being at a Commissioning ceremony, I highly recommend it as one of the most poignant events at the Club. After the Commissioning ceremony, members’ boats will be available to non-boat owners to join in the Sailpast. I hope that many of you will take the opportunity to participate in both the Commissioning and the Sailpast; it is one of my favorite days at the Club. The Club will open at 11:30 with light refreshments, the Commissioning will start promptly at 1:00, with the Sailpast immediately thereafter.

As I write this, I am packing for a journey through the Welland Canal to Lake Erie and on to Lake St. Claire and the Bayview Yacht Club for the Detroit NOOD Regatta. The Bayview Yacht Club is one of the most welcoming clubs on the Great Lakes. It is a charming club with lots of history and is host of the Huron-Mackinac race. Don’t forget that, as a Youngstown Yacht Club member, you can visit many clubs all around the country. Locally, there are many good yacht clubs to visit; some are open for lunch and dinner and welcome members from other clubs. Reciprocal rights are one of many “perks” of belonging to YYC and are something all members should try to enjoy. Just remember to take your YYC membership card with you, as many clubs will ask to see proof of membership.

As boating season is upon us again, let me take this opportunity to remind everyone that Homeland Security is very active on the Niagara River and Lake Ontario. Several of our members’ boats have already been boarded and inspected by the Coast Guard. Customs and Immigration on both sides of the border are being much stricter about proof of citizenship. A Driver’s License may not suffice as identification. Be

History of the Youngstown Yacht Club Association

Laurie Hugill
President, YYCA

In 1986 the “YYC Ladies” met to propose a women’s group within the Club. This effort was spearheaded by Rosemary Dawdy and Trudie Bazemore.

- The objectives were outlined as follows:
  - To bring fellowship to women members
  - To raise funds for the welfare of the Club
  - To lend a hand at social and Club functions.

The proposal was unanimously approved and a constitution drawn and adopted.

The “Ladies Group” became known as the Youngstown Yacht Club Auxiliary (YYCA). Membership was open to all “wives” of club members or a “woman member.” Initially, there were some 60 members each paying a membership fee of $5. Currently, there is no membership fee.

In 1996 the Constitution was revised and new By-Laws adopted. The association’s name was also changed to Youngstown Yacht Club Association. Membership was opened to all members of the YYC, male and female.

In 2006, the YYCA celebrated 20 years of service, and marked the occasion with the presentation of an engraved silver ladle to Commodore Tisdale who accepted it on behalf of the YYC. It is to be used at Wassail Bowl and other similar Club functions.

The YYCA continues to play an important role in the Club, and we are proud of our many accomplishments over 20 years, including:

- Support of the Junior Sailing Program
- Operation of the YYCA gift/clothing boutique
- Funding of new carpeting for the Club
- Funding of patio furniture and umbrellas
- Designing, planting and maintaining YYC gardens
- Sponsoring the annual Wassail Bowl
- Assisting with Past Commodores’ Tea Dances
- Funding the purchase of rattan furniture for Club lounge areas

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Restaurant and Club Hours

The Club restaurant and bar hours have changed. The restaurant and bar are now open Tuesday through Sunday each week. To ensure seating for your party, call for a reservation: (716) 745-7230, ext. 18.

To arrange for a private party at the Club, call Clare Crawford directly: (716) 445-2846.

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News about Club events and members are always welcome and highly encouraged. E-mail articles and photos to LibertiT37@verizon.net or drop them off with Josie in the YYC Club Office.

Ray Volpe Awarded SUNY Chancellor’s Award

Ray Volpe, YYC Club Secretary and Program Director for UBMicro IT Support Services at the University at Buffalo, has received the 2006 State University of New York Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service.

The award cites his creation and development of UBMicro into a self-sustaining, not-for-profit multi-million dollar SUNY-wide enterprise; his establishment of aggregate IT hardware and software acquisition agreements and site licenses for Microsoft and Adobe software products, resulting in significant cost savings for UB and throughout SUNY; and his many contributions to the iConnect@UB student recruitment and Students Needing Assistance computer loan program.

Ray is also holder of a UB STAR award that was presented by President Greiner in 2001, and numerous UB Service Excellence awards.

75% Discount on Initiation Fee

To help celebrate YYC’s 75th anniversary the Club is offering a 75% discount on initiation fees. This is a great time to introduce new members to YYC. Guest passes and membership applications are available from the Club’s office weekdays and by calling Josie: (716) 745-7230 x10.
Upcoming Events
Saturday, June 3 – Port of Call Dinner – Napoli
Saturday, June 10 – 75th Anniversary Gala
Sunday, June 11 – Commissioning / Sail Past

75th Anniversary Gala
The Club’s 75th Anniversary Gala will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2006. A one-hour open bar will commence at 6 pm, with dinner at 7 pm and dancing to the Carl Filbert Band at 9 pm. The Menu includes one hour of open bar, hors d’oeuvres, salad, your choice of Grilled Beef Tenderloin with potato galette, asparagus, chevre & bordelaise, or Grilled King Salmon with polenta fries, spinach and yellow pepper coulis, dessert and coffee for $60 per person. Call Josie at 716.745.7230, x10 by June 3 with both your dinner choice and your seating preference.

Commissioning Day
Commissioning ceremonies will be held Sunday June 11th. The Club will open at 11:30 am and light refreshments will be served. The commissioning ceremony will begin promptly at 1:00 pm. Commodore Tisdale with the Board of Directors and Past Commodores will preside.

Sail Past
Immediately following commissioning ceremonies the fleet will sail past the Club and salute the Commodore. This is one of the most colorful traditions of our Club and boats will be available for non-boaters who wish to participate.

YYC was represented at The National Hospice Regatta Championship recently in Annapolis by a team that included Don Finkle (Skipper), Paul Hays, Paul Cannon, Morgan Paxhia and Scott Walter. The fleet of 21 teams was the largest ever for this event. Using borrowed 34 foot J/105s, our team was in third place after the first day, and held that spot after day two. On the final day we had some problems with boat speed and point and dropped to eighth place for the series. It was a wonderful time, and we encourage everyone to come on out and support the Jack Beatty Hospice Regatta to be held at YYC in August. The winner gets to go to the National Championship event, and that prize should be incentive enough for anyone!

In a recent NOOD regatta in Annapolis we ran into some old YYC friends who were competing on various boats there. Pete Kunz, a former YYC Junior Sailor, was crewing for John Goller. Pete is now a PhD in aeronautical engineering whose current assignment is working with a defense contractor in Afghanistan. He goes into the field with the US Special Forces, determines what they need for certain operations, and then he goes back to his lab to create the equipment and devices that operation. His stories about the country over there were extremely interesting.

Speaking of “over there”, Bryan Mackey, son of YYC members Pat and Sue, is a Lieutenant in the US Army in Iraq right now.

Brian Jessiman was sailing on a J/24 with a fellow from Vermont. The well-heeled owner has signed Brian on to teach him to race, and they have an ambitious program laid out over the next several years that includes gradually moving up to larger boats as their crew gets up to speed. They had a brand new J/24 built for them by Randy Borges and Morgan Paxhia at Waterline Systems...yes, all former YYC Junior sailors too.

Jake Doyle has completed his first year at the NY Maritime College and is about to set to sea for his summer cruise. The College has a ship that all cadets must work on during summers while not in class. Upon his return Jake will teach Junior Sailing again for YYC in August.

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In response to feedback from the membership we have increased Launch hours in the evening to encourage after hours sailing.

As in the past, should you have an issue with a yard policy or procedure, please bring this to the attention of Bob Reese and myself. We are anxious to provide the best possible service and are in a position to react to your input. Boat yard staff are not in a position to change policies or procedures.

This summer we are trying to reduce the wait time for launch pick ups during the peak use times on Wednesday nights. Given the limited capacity of our Club launch and the increasing number of crew manning our larger racing boats, the predicament is that the launch fills quickly and has to make numerous trips back to the dock to disembark sailors. With the cooperation of our membership, using an area on the dock that will be designated to pick up and drop off crew, more boats can be serviced in less time. If you drop off all but 2 people at the dock, our launch could get to as many as 12 boats on each circuit as opposed to 3 or 4 fully crewed boats on the same circuit. I will be marking this dock area and providing fenders and dock lines to make the use of our crew loading and unloading zone as easy as possible Using the crew unloading dock zone is voluntary, I hope our members would consider trying this as we will all benefit!

Mark Kirby, V.C. Yard

YYCA

Spring has clearly sprung at the YYC with the blaze color in our gardens, forming a beautiful backdrop to a number of boats already moored in the Niagara River.

Thank you Sheila Kalm for you expertise and diligence in creating this beautiful canopy for all of us to enjoy.

As a commerative gift to the Club in honor of the 75th Anniversary, the YYCA has agreed to purchase a sundial with a nautical theme to be placed in the raised garden. Sheila is still researching these possibilities and will report further on her findings at our next meeting.

The Spring/Summer clothing line has arrived and it is great! The new menswear line is very appealing. Check it out! As usual, items will be sold on Friday evenings on a regular basis. Remeber that we also have Club burgees and decals.

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Judy Volpe is doing a wonderful job with one of the YYCA’s many projects..... preserving our Club history. At our last meeting she reported that the first batch of the earliest YYC historic documents had been digitized and placed on a CD. Thank you Judy and to your colleague Rose Orcutt, who designed and produced two large posters incorporating some historic documents. Many of you saw these at the 75th Anniversary cocktail reception. Great, great job!!!!

The YYCA is very pleased to welcome a new member to our group. Mary Luff-Foot. She was welcomed and introduced at our May meeting.

As a result of Mary’s interest in our group as a new member, we have decided to launch a small membership campaign to introduce new members to the YYCA in hope that they will join us. Remember, membership is open to all members of the Club, male and female, and welcomed at any time.

Rosemary Dawdy and Karen Noonan did a great job on the PC Tea Dance. Thank you both!

It is a pleasure to be invited by the Rochester YC Auxiliary to join them for lunch and an historic house tour in Fairport N.Y. About 12 members of YYCA have signed up for this fun outing and we look forward to this on June 14th. Who knows. We may learn from them about what makes their group successful.

Our meeting on May 17th included much discussion about new fund raising ideas. Hopefully, we will have more to report on this in the next Ripples.

We urge you to support our commemorative glassware project......nautical glass trays in 3 sizes and sun catchers, all etched on the back with the important dates of the Club Anniversary. This is original artwork.

Be sure to read the brief YYCA history in this issue of Ripples. Laurie Hugill, President YYCA

CRUISING

The Club’s Mimico Cruise is on June 16th. If you haven’t signed up yet do it now. You may sign up at the Club or call Dick Roach, 745-7696, or Pat Mackey, 745-3665. Please sign up ASAP so we can tell the folks at Mimico how many to expect.

This cruise is a lot of fun and an easy one for new cruisers. If you are new to cruising or have not been into Mimico before and would feel more comfortable sailing in the company of another boat let me know and I will arrange for an experienced boat to go with you. You can leave anytime you want but most boats intend to leave YYC around 10:00 or 11:00 on the morning of the cruise. If you can’t go Friday come Saturday. Mimico Cruising Club is a very nice facility west of Toronto. It is within easy reach of a streetcar so getting into Toronto for the day is easy. We will have a tent set up for a BYO cocktail party on Mimico club grounds. The custom is to bring hors d’oeuvres to share with other boats under the tent.

75th Anniversary

This year we are celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the Club. We are having an anniversary Gala in place of the Commodore’s Ball.

The Gala will take place on June 10th starting at 6:00. The Board agreed members could bring guests if they desire - it is a great opportunity to share how much fun the Club is. The price of the Gala is $60 and includes one hour of open bar, salad, entree, desert, coffee or tea. The Carl Filbert Band will play from 9:00 to 1:00 am. Carl and his group are really looking forward to celebrating this special event with us.

Attire - at Yacht Clubs a Blue Blazer is acceptable for formal events - the Black Tie optional is just that if you want to wear it okay - a suit is also perfectly acceptable. The women really get to have fun dressing - a great excuse to go find a new party dress. There will be everything from sequins & beads to lace & satin, short dresses to long gowns.

We have been planning this since December and it should be a memorable evening. As the night wears on the Club will sparkle - literally! There will also be a gift for each guest! (It’s a surprise, don’t ask.)

If we have enough responses the event will be under a tent attached to our new awning along with dancing outside as well. If not we will be upstairs in the dining room.

When you call to make your reservation 745-7230 ext. 10 (Josie) please be sure to indicate your choice of entree and who you would like to sit with.

Please join us for this very special evening. If you recently sponsored a new member - please give them a call and invite them to join you, sometimes new members are a little apprehensive to go to their first event - let’s make them feel welcome.

See you at the Gala! MaryAlice Eckert
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- Supporting numerous projects of general benefit.

One of the best ways to get to know fellow club members is to work together on a project or a committee. It makes for smooth sailing when we share our talents and resources to the benefit of our Club. Become a part of the YYC’s history. Join the YYCA! Jump on board!! Remember... membership is open to all members of the Youngstown Yacht Club.

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Photograph taken during the Clubhouse opening even. Officers and other attendees are shown enjoying the newly constructed balcony “overhanging the water.”
By Summer, 1931, the Youngstown Yacht Club was in full swing with a racing program and social events.

The formal opening of the Clubhouse was celebrated on July 4. YYC had now grown to 80 members. Most of these early members are listed on the historic member list reproduced here. In a charming photograph taken during the Clubhouse opening event, officers and other attendees are shown enjoying the newly constructed balcony “overhanging the water.” In the photo are (left to right): Commodore J. M. Rowland, Edwine Whitney, Wm. J. Williamson, Wm. Ritter, Richard Robbins, Loma Moyer, Vice Commodore A. G. Porter, Ray Vradenburg, and Dr. A. R. Moyer.

The new Clubhouse featured a lounge, a dining room, locker room, and quarters for the steward, as well as the balcony.

The July 4 opening day featured a “program of races.” This first YYC Regatta, alas, was for outboard and inboard motor boats! There were twenty-six entries for seven races. An entry fee of $1 per boat was charged to “cover expenses.” The prizes for the races were donated by the merchants of Niagara Falls and Youngstown. The U. S. Coast Guard stationed at Niagara supplied race committee boats and crews for officiating the Regatta.

The handwritten memo reproduced here documents two important events in the history of the YYC, including the first trans-lake race finishing at the Club moorings, and it also chronicles an impressive sailing cruise undertaken in early August. Here is a transcription of the text:

- Early in July 1931 the “Blue Moon” accompanied by Charlie Guernsey’s cruiser, “Mercedes,” sailed into Youngstown. This was the first racing sail boat to arrive at the home port.
- On Aug. 5th the “Blue Moon” with J. A. Williamson, Fred J. Coe, J. M. Rowland Sr., J. M. Rowland Jr. and Harvey Dawes cruised to Toronto, Rochester and home.
- “Blue Moon” cleared Rochester at 6:50 AM for the run home, fresh east wind—heavy following sea. Rounded inner Niagara River buoy at 4:40 PM making the 84 mile run in 8 hours 50 minutes.

- Aug. 15th Queen City Yacht Club, Toronto, raced to Youngstown, seven boats sailed up to the club moorings escorted by the Blue Moon. This was a handicap race, five boats finishing.

Judy Volpe

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Tyler Finkle and Shelly Staal have moved from West Palm Beach Florida to Newport Rhode Island. They wanted to get away from the Florida scene and move closer to family and friends back up north. Mike Robinson, son of Larry and Nancy, has been sailing in San Diego for the last few years, at one time crewing on the retired America’s Cup class boats used to take tourists sailing. Mike has signed on to race with a friend of ours on a Beneteau 36.7 in San Diego.

It is exciting to see some of our younger members picking up the ball and getting involved in Club activities. It is very important for our future to have the next generation not only taking part in and enjoying Club events, but also actually organizing and running them. Adam Burns and Beth Snyder have both stepped up to the plate recently to make things happen for YYC.

From the Bridge Deck

sure to carry either your birth certificate or a passport with you if you are crossing the border by land or by sea.

I was very pleased with the turnout at the General Meeting of the Membership held on Thursday, May 18. The general purpose of the meeting was to review the results of the consultant report and member survey and to entertain any questions that the membership had at this point in the year. Overall, I thought the meeting was very positive in light of the sobering information provided on the challenges faced by our Club and many clubs throughout the nation. With the support shown at this meeting, I have no doubt that YYC will be strong for another 75 years.

Melanie and I look forward to seeing everyone at the 75th Anniversary Gala on June 10th- which promises to be THE event of the year! If you haven’t made your reservations, please be sure to call 716.745.7230, X 10 so you don’t miss out on the 75th anniversary festivities.
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**Junior Sailing Schedule**

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