



Ripples

May 2005



From The Bridge Deck

April was an extraordinarily busy month. The flurry of activity around the Club has been fast and furious. Major progress was made in planning for summer activities and there was a lot of preparation

of the clubhouse and grounds. The awning is up, moorings have been set, boat bottoms painted, there are a few boats in the water and several Sunday afternoon races have been completed.

The clubhouse could not look better as a result of two amazing work parties. Mary Alice Eckert did a tremendous job organizing the painting and cleaning crews. Using a post-it note for each task, she gave the workers their choice of jobs and had all of the supplies ready and waiting. Everything went like clockwork and much was accomplished. I would like to extend my thanks to everyone that contributed their time and effort. For anyone feeling left out of the fun there will be a few more work parties to get the yard in order.

I'd like to thank Jim and Donna Huggins for organizing the men's stag party and Gerry Anne Beatty and Margaret O'Keefe for organizing and hosting the women's stag. Jim and Donna worked tirelessly to make the evening a success. They not only organized all the food and entertainment – no dancers, just three speakers from the Coast Guard - they also made numerous phone calls to encourage people to attend. I heard that the ladies had a wonderful evening at Margaret O'Keefe's. I was told that the food was delicious and there was some talk about a great martini bar.

We've had a lot of success attracting new members over the last few months with the no initiation incentive. This is a great time to encourage people to join as the no initiation promotion has been extended to June 30. With LeMetro on board as our concessionaire and the outstanding condition of our facility I'm confident that all members will be proud to entertain friends at YYC and introduce new members.

The Club will be open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday starting Friday, May 6. Come down and meet Clare, our new restaurant and bar manager and enjoy a great dining experience.

I-68 Permits

The following regarding the I-68 permit is taken from the US Customs and Border Patrol web site at <http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/enforcement/>. Note that NEXUS holders may not need an I-68 permit (see the April issue of Ripples). Ed

Canadian Border Boat Landing Program, I-68 Permit Program (CBBL) General Information: Current immigration regulations require that every application for entry to the United States must be made in person to an immigration officer at a port-of-entry at a time when the port is open for inspection. One exception to this requirement is the Canadian Border Boat Landing (I-68) Program, which allows certain applicants entering the United States by small boat to be inspected only once per year, and thereafter enter from time to time for recreational purposes without further inspection. The regulations further require that a person claiming United States citizenship must establish that fact to the satisfaction of the examining immigration officer.

Persons who are not U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents of the United States may use Form I-68 for visits not to exceed 72 hours to visit within 25 miles of the shoreline along the U.S. border with Canada.

There is no requirement that boaters obtain Form I-68. However, boaters who choose not to obtain Form I-68 must report, in person, for inspection by either an immigration or customs officer at a port-of-entry each time they enter the United States. U.S. citizen boaters who enter the United States with aliens who are without Form I-68 and without reporting for inspection may be subject to fine and/or possible seizure of the boat. Non-U.S. citizens traveling by boat who do not have Form I-68 and who have not presented themselves for inspection are subject to arrest, possible fine, or removal from the United States.

Persons aboard a vessel which has crossed the international boundary between the United States and Canada and who do not intend to land in the United States, other than at a staffed port-of-entry, are not required to be in possession of Form I-68 merely because they have crossed the international boundary.

The Canadian Border Boat Landing Program was suspended after the terrorist attacks of September 11, but has since resumed with additional security en- (See *I-68 Permit* on page 8)



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Initiation Fee Waiver Extended to 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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YYCA Trash and Treasures Sale May 21

You needn't wait for the Antique Road Show to visit Youngstown. Now is the time to scour your favorite hiding places and dig out nautical and other treasures to donate to the Club. This is a great fund raiser that last year provided new patio furniture and garden plants for the Club. The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the red-brick school house across from RCR Yachts on Lockport Road.

Donations may be dropped off at RCR on Wednesday and Thursday, May 18 and 19. Drop off times are forthcoming. If assistance is needed, we can pick up items from your home. No clothing, please.

Volunteers are needed to help with setup, affixing price labels, cashing sales, assisting buyers, selling raffle tickets, and cleanup.

Call Kathy Morrison (716) 754-8606 or Laurie Hugill (905) 353-9195 to sign up as a volunteer or to schedule a donation pick up.

Club Restaurant, Bar Reopening May 6

The Club's new concessionaire, Le Metro, is planning a grand opening on Friday, May 6 and Saturday May 7. A Mother's Day brunch and dinner are planned for Sunday, May 8. The brunch is scheduled from 11 am to 2 pm, the dinner from 4 pm to 7 pm. Reservations are required for both sittings. To RSVP, call (716) 745-7230, extension 18.

To view the Mother's Day brunch menu, go to: <http://www.acsu.buffalo.edu/~ubmray/Brunch.pdf>

To view the Mother's Day dinner menu, go to: <http://www.acsu.buffalo.edu/~ubmray/Dinner.pdf>

Watercraft of the Niagara Frontier

On June 1 the Friends of the Youngstown Free Library will host Dr. John Montague who will provide a multimedia presentation on Historic Working Watercraft of the Niagara Frontier and on current efforts to establish a Maritime History Center near the West Side Rowing Club. Dr. Montague is a designer and a Professor of Technology at the State University of New York College at Buffalo.

The presentation will take place in the Cora Gushee room of the Red Brick School at 240 Lockport St., Youngstown from 7-8 pm. All are welcome.



Brian Jessiman, formerly of YYC, has taken a position with Bruce Hill Yacht Sales in Burlington, VT. Brian has just started there as a yacht broker. Brian knows a lot about boats and is an excellent sailor. This should be a good fit. Bruce Hill Yacht Sales is a well-respected company, and we are sure that Brian's parents, long-time YYC members Eric and Marilyn Jessiman, are proud.

College Sailing: Morgan Paxhia of YYC with crew Kerry Mahoney finished 5th of 18 at the Boston Dinghy Cup on March 2-3, sailing for URI. This event is hosted by Harvard and MIT, and is sailed in four different classes of dinghy over the two days: Techs, Larks, FJs and 420s.

Morgan will skipper for URI in the Kennedy Cup, March 16-17, in the College Keelboat Nationals at the Naval Academy in Annapolis. The boats will be Navy 44s.

The YYC team going to Annapolis for the Hospice National Championship consists of Paul Hays, Tim Booth, John Goller (the younger), Tim Beatty and skipper Don Finkle. Last year's YYC team of the Kastan family with Adam Burns aboard won this event.

Pete & Trish Welsby have purchased a home on Lake Ontario and will soon be neighbors of Larry and Linda White.

The Club is saddened to report the passing of Rose Moses on Sunday, April 3. Her son Louis Moses said that Rose loved YYC and he truly believes that the friendship and family community that YYC provided kept her going through her illness and actually prolonged her life. Often, Rose would stay in bed all day on Fridays to rest just so she would have the energy to come down and visit with everyone. Rose will be missed for the color and life that she brought to the Club, and we offer Dr. Moses, Louis, and their family our condolences.

We are also sad to report the passing of John G. Todd, Sr. on March 20. John's daughter Mary Jane Todd writes that John "loved sailing Lake Ontario and the Niagara River." John's Cape Dory 28, *Orion*, is now in the good hands of his grandson, who lives near Detroit.

On Thursday April 7 Josie Fittante lost her brother Bill Mason to cancer. He was 43. Bill leaves behind his wife of fourteen years, Diane Mason, and his 5 year old son Colin. The Masons lived in Burlington, Ontario.

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Board Reports

Harbormaster

It's May and my Harbormaster duties are increasing. Here are some of the areas being addressed:

- Liaison with RCR's mooring and yard services operation.
- Coordination of YYC dry sailing operations, J-22's Lasers and dinghies (inflatables).
- Dockmaster. This is the volunteer aspect where Club members spend a weekend greeting visiting yachtsman.
- Adult Sailing Coordinator. Past involvement, as well as the Club wanting to expose more folks to sailing. The latter is an area where we will see more activity.

While I feel comfortable in administering parts one and two of this job description, I welcome any suggestions regarding Dockmaster and Adult Sailing Coordinator duties. I need help! To date, one member has volunteered as Dockmaster (thank you Kevin Campbell). I know many of you have volunteered in the past, and your help again this year would be great.

Adult Sailing Program. After taking a year's hiatus, I have renewed my commitment to get more people on the water. With the help of sailors who participate in the Tuesday night racing program, I hope to get more folks hooked on sailing. Many of our Associate members are experienced crew and would provide a great service as hosts aboard boats that I will be lining up to introduce prospective sailors (members) to the enjoyment of sailing. I am also pursuing a dingy and J/22 venue as well as the traditional cruising boat. Contact me if you are as excited as I am about the prospects of this program.

In closing, rest assured your mooring will be in place in time and that our contractor RCR will be interested in making your summer as pleasurable as possible.

Mark Kirby, Harbormaster.

Fleet

The Sailing Instructions and Race Schedule are finalized and ready for the printer. I need to thank Paul Hays and Chris Doyle for their help and input on the SIs. I especially thank Norm Behring of NOLSC for all his input and work modifying formats and typing the multitude of revisions.

If you need to renew your PHRF Certificate make certain you email Andy Hooker (ahhooker@adelphia.net) to get the ball rolling. Please don't wait till the last minute because it just makes it a tougher job for Andy.

Our Cruising Committee so far is Pat Mackey, Howard Noonan, and Dick Roach. We still are looking for a chair for the 1000 Island Cruise. A reminder that the Solstice Cruise to Mimico is June 17, 18 and 19. For details, contact Pat Mackey pm1pensive@adelphia.net. The 1000 Island and West End Cruise dates are not yet confirmed.

Mark your calendar for the Secretary's Race/Party Saturday June 11. It's a great way to get out for a casual

Board Reports (Continued)

(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 Bloody Marys, and get out on the water with your friends. Vic Snyder, VC Fleet.

Yard

Disregard your thermometer... IT IS SPRING. Just look at the activity around the Club! Of course, seeing the Commodore's boat on its mooring is another good indicator.

The water has been turned on in the North building, and on the north and the main docks! Thanks to John Stevens for fixing a pipe issue in the street, Fred Stephens for figuring it out, Jim Jaremka and Gary Tisdale. Don Burns discovered a split pipe thing (technical term). Off he went to track down a replacement part and poof – water service restored on the main dock!

Mother Nature decided to move the dock cap by the launch boat! Unfortunately she left it at a 90 degree angle in the air! Larry White muscled it down and will finish the fix. Please be careful in this area.

Dr. John Crysler, a tireless and patient worker, deserves my apologies. On Saturday, April 9 John was replacing the sink in the Grist Mill. I had to finish up and leave so I told Gary I would lock up the Grist Mill and see everyone later. Around an hour later, Jesse Sabin went up to the Grist Mill to get something and upon opening the door John discovered locked inside! John calmly said – "the sink is finished." We have changed the lock situation so no one can get locked in again. Sorry Dr. John!

The two major work parties were incredible. I know we have great members but the turnout was super. The following folks came down (some twice) and scrubbed and scraped and fixed and hauled and painted and plumbed and did just about anything that needed attention, including the Commodore cleaning the chandelier and Ron Ciamaga and Jesse Sabin replacing the ceiling in the Men's room: Mike Banks, Ned Gillick, Terry Yonkers, Vic Snyder, Bev Roach, Mark Kirby, Joe and Vicky Waple, new members Ken English and Sarah Collard, Don Burns, Mark Mergenhagen, Dr. John Crysler, new member Adam Burns, Peter Bacola, Ron Ciamaga, Jesse Sabin, Ross Eckert, Sheila Kalm, Melanie and Gary Tisdale, Bobbie Torrey, Frank Collins, Judy Volpe, Tom and Gail Walder, Jim and Jimmy Carminati, and Dennis Duling. If I left anyone out I am truly sorry. It is due to age, not a lack of appreciation. I thank you for all your hard work and dedication to our Club. It really looks great!

Soon the fence painting project will be organized – watch for details on that!

Again, many thanks for all your support.

Mary Alice Eckert, VC Yard.

Membership

The Club is pleased to welcome this month's newest Regular members Guillermo and Christhiane Alvarez from East Amherst. We would also like to welcome new Associate members Bertram and Ellen Anderson from Youngstown; Patrick and Kathleen Agello from Kenmore; Judy and William Clark from Lewiston; Kenneth English from Getzville; Heather Wilcox and Steve Lovell from Youngstown; Mark and Renee March from North Tonawanda; John and Sandra Martino from Youngstown; William and Patricia Perkins from Williamsville; Dian and Aldo Ruta from Lewiston; and Glen and Mary Smith from Lewiston. We would also like to welcome back David and Bobbie Torrey who plan to re-launch their C&C 35, *Arbitrage*. The Club bids farewell to Donald McGrath and Ed Rider, both non-resident members. Ray Volpe, Club Secretary.

Board Actions

The Board has agreed to a two year concessionaire contract with Maura Crawford and Vince McConeghy, owners of the successful and popular Le Metro restaurants located in Buffalo and Williamsville. Le Metro will provide professional management of the Club bar and restaurant operations when the Club reopens May 6.

Membership. Noting the financial challenge presented by the declining membership of boat owners and the skewed trend towards a graying membership, the Board has agreed in principal to hire the consulting firm Club Mark Corporation of Dallas, Texas to perform a SWOT analysis and develop a strategy for enhancing Club services and growing membership. Chosen from replies to a comprehensive RFP, Club Mark was selected for its experience with dozens of clubs nationwide, including yacht clubs, its flexibility in the scope of work desired, and the commonsense and candid responses provided in all its communications.

Bylaw Changes. At the mid-year meeting on April 27, the members approved bylaw changes to attract new and younger members. The first change redefines Intermediate members as persons between the ages of 21 and 34 with annual dues of \$300. Intermediate members enjoy voting privileges and may hold Club offices. The second change creates two age categories for Associate (social) members. The first category is persons between the ages of 21 and 34, inclusive. Annual dues for this category is \$200, retroactive to October 1, 2004. The second category is Associates age 35 and older; their dues remains as \$540.

Assessment. Lastly, to meet financial challenges while continuing to cut costs and improve revenues, the Board voted to extend the current assessment through April 2007. Ray Volpe, Club Secretary,

Barthel Trophy
(YYC Historical Footnote)

In 1935 YYC hosted The Barthel Trophy series, which was the championship of The Great Lakes. It was raced in 50 ft. eight metre yachts. The legendary Herb Stone wrote a dandy article with photos for YACHTING magazine. The article concluded, "It was a splendid event, well sailed and well managed by the Youngstown Yacht Club. Although only four years old, this vigorous club has a most attractive home at the mouth of the Niagara River, only a mile from the open lake, a growing fleet of "Eights", "R's" and 30 footers, and an enthusiastic membership. Under its Commodore, Chandler Wells, and its efficient committees, the handling of the race and the entertainment ashore were all that any exacting sailor could ask."

Contributed by Skip & Edie Doyle



LYRA Web Site

Bountiful information about the LYRA is available by visiting www.rivercityraceweek.com.

LEVEL/LYRA Housing

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.

National Hospice Regatta

The Team that won the 2004 Jack Beatty Hospice Regatta hosted by YYC earned the right to compete in the National Hospice Regatta Championship in Annapolis in April. Of the six crew who won our regatta (Tim Beatty, Jim Egloff, Mary Egloff, Will Booth, Mike O'Connor and skipper Don Finkle), only Don was able to go to Annapolis due to scheduling conflicts. So we rounded up an excellent crew from YYC to join Don: Tim Booth, Paul Hays, John Goller and Chris Hesse. There were fifteen teams competing, each having won their local Hospice event, with four from Lake Ontario. Other teams came from Maine, Mass., CT, Maryland, NC, SC, Florida, Ohio, etc. The competition was excellent and the sailing was perfect. We got in eight races over three days, sailing in borrowed J/105s, which were rather foreign to those of us on Team Niagara. The conditions were heavy on day one, medium on day two, and light on day three, so we got to race in everything.

We started out in the first race by getting to the weather mark in fourth place, only to get the asymmetrical spinnaker hopelessly wrapped up into a ball of nylon and rope, and ended up 12th. From there on out we learned the boat and the unfamiliar spinnaker and moved up in the standings every day. We won one race and finished the series right in the middle of the pack, but we had beaten the top four boats in 3 or 4 races, so we weren't "dog meat". The crew had a wonderful time and represented YYC well, but not as well as the YYC team that had won this event in 2004.

The Hospice Alliance is a wonderful organization and deserves our support. Paul Hays is our local representative; he can provide you with more information. The privilege of sailing in the Hospice National Championship is something that any racer should strive to achieve. I know that I will be trying hard to get back there someday. Don Finkle



Last Summer's West End Cruise included "snacks" before dinner...

16th Annual Solstice Cruise June 17 – 20

As I write this invitation to join our 16th Annual Solstice Cruise, I recount the great time we have had in the past with this season opening cruise. Rumor has it that YYC will have at least two more cruises this year. The Solstice Cruise had 19 boats and more than 50 members and guests participating last year.

Destination: Mimico Cruising Club has offered to host us with their customary hospitality. The Mimico Cruising Club has some of the best docks on the lake and their club house is well maintained.

Schedule: Friday and Saturday departures from Youngstown with a Sunday return. Friday departures are encouraged so that you can stretch that Father's Day weekend and enjoy Friday at the Mimico Cruising Club listening to their jazz band.

Saturday is a good day to take the trolley into Toronto to visit the attractions that suit your interest. Saturday at 6 P.M. we meet under the tent at the Mimico Cruising Club for (BYO) drinks and appetizers, then into the club for dinner is a good option.

Sunday we usually sail back in a group departing about 11 AM or when the wind comes up.

Some sailors also opt to stay in the Toronto area and visit RCYC or other destinations before returning to Youngstown.

Sign Up Sheet is on the Bulletin Board at the club entrance or phone Pat Mackey at 745-7331 to make reservations. Pat Mackey

I-68 Permit *(continued from page 1)*

hancements. Due to enhanced security measures along our borders after September 11, both the Canadian Border Boat Landing Permit (Form I-68) and the Outlying Area Reporting Station (OARS) programs have been modified for the 2002 boating season (our April 9, 2002 News Release reports these changes). The Form I-68, after an initial inspection, permits a boater to make subsequent recreational entries into the United States without the need for additional inspections for the balance of the boating season. The initial inspection involves an interview, checking the individual in the Interagency Border Inspection System (IBIS) and possibly other law enforcement databases, processing 3 photographs, imprinting a single fingerprint on each copy of the form, and payment of the fee.

Only the current Form I-68, revised January 31, 2002, will be accepted this season. The Form I-68 will not be renewable by mail. Each applicant 14 years of age or older must appear in person for inspection. The names and dates of birth of children less than 14 years of age must be listed on one or both of their parents' Form I-68. If approved, page one of the three-part Form I-68 will be issued to each applicant age 14 years of age and older. Each of the three pages of the Form I-68 will bear the photograph and fingerprint of the applicant for identification purposes. The fees for both individuals and families will remain the same as last year.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: Who is eligible to participate in this program?

A: United States citizens, Lawful Permanent Residents of the US, Canadian citizens, Landed Commonwealth Residents of Canada, and Landed Residents of Canada who are nationals of Visa Waiver Pilot Program countries who also have a valid stamped Form I-94W, Visa Waiver Arrival-Departure Record, or Form I-94, Arrival-Departure Record if they were previously admitted with a valid unexpired visa, are eligible.

Q: What is the cost of the Form I-68?

A: The fee for an individual Form I-68 is \$16.00. There is a family cap of \$32.00, but each member of the family who is 14 years of age or older must obtain a separate Form I-68. Children under 14 will be entered on their parent's form. For fee purposes, a family is defined as husband, wife, unmarried children under 21 years of age, and parents of either the husband or wife.

Q: What is the current version of Form I-68 and what does it look like? A: The original three-page, three-color Form I-68 is only available at the issuing port-of-entry or other specified location where the inspection is conducted. A copy of this Form I-68 is on the

immigration website for information only and not for actual issuance purposes.

Q: Where may I obtain the Form I-68?

A: The original three-page, three-color Form I-68 is only available at the issuing port-of-entry or other specified location where the inspection is conducted. A copy of this Form I-68 is on the immigration website for information only and not for actual issuance purposes.

Q: May I use a Form I-68 that I received last year?

A: No, after September 11, 2001, the Canadian Border Boat Landing Program was suspended until April 4, 2002. All prior versions of Form I-68 issued before April 4, 2002 are considered void and may not be used. Forms I-68 are only issued at a participating port-of-entry, or a special location specified by that district, after successful completion of a face-to-face inspection conducted by an immigration inspector.

Q: How long does it take to obtain the Form I-68?

A: The inspection process requires a short interview and checking of various databases, plus the time necessary to prepare and process the three photographs now required, apply the fingerprint, and collect the fee.

Q: Where may I appear for inspection and processing of the Form I-68?

A: The participating District Offices are Anchorage, AK; Buffalo, NY; Chicago, IL; Cleveland, OH; Detroit, MI; Helena, MT; Philadelphia, PA (for Erie, PA); Portland, ME; Seattle, WA; and St. Paul, MN. Interested persons should visit the Website home pages for these offices and look for information on the "Canadian Border Boat Landing Permit" published under "Contacting Us," and under "Local Filing Procedures." These home pages will provide telephone numbers where you can call ahead to determine actual issuing locations and other details. Form I-68 is no longer renewable by mail.

Q: What must I do if I don't have a Form I-68 to enter the United States by boat?

A: Boaters not in possession of a valid Form I-68 must either report in person for inspection at a port-of-entry or utilize one of the 33 OARS (Outlying Area Reporting Station) videophones each time they apply for admission to the United States. Under the OARS program, videophones installed at public marinas along the Canadian border provide an automated inspection service enabling two-way visual and audio communication between the inspector and the applicant for admission. Any non-U.S. citizen who does not comply with these procedures may be subject to adverse actions under the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Does This Sound Familiar?

The following was reported by Tracy Buczak in RCR Yachts of Erie News. Ed

“Tuesday the Erie Sailing Fleet had a general meeting at EYC and the majority of the evening’s program was devoted to an introduction and presentation by US Customs Officer, Steve McGreevey (Airport 1 888 523 BOAT), US Border Patrol Officer, Ryan Scudder (Ship Terminal behind Dobbins Landing), and Chief Jon Gagnon, US Coast Guard (Presque Isle State Park).

There seems to be quite a bit of confusion over regulations in place since 911 concerning re-entry to the states after a visit to our Canadian neighbors. Our officials need to take a good look at the practical aspects of what law-abiding sailors and recreational boaters are being “asked” to do. It was disconcerting to say the least, listening to the first speaker and the responses and questions raised by those in attendance. We all were aware how difficult it was using the often out of order video phones and calling numbers that weren’t answered. No one disagreed that our security could be improved or that we have a need for more stringent control of illegal entry to our country by terrorists or groups that threaten our way of life. I hope that the recreational boater out to enjoy his vessel is not inconvenienced more than necessary by the additional enforcement.

Officer Scudder outlined the role of his 8-officer Border Patrol unit covering Erie & Chautauqua County shores, and urged us to help by reporting suspicious activity we may witness to his unit at 1-800-331-0353, monitored 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Officer Scudder transferred from the Arizona unit.

Chief Jon Gagnon, US Coast Guard, opened with an apology to the group in wake of last year’s incident at the MS Regatta. He promised to help us with our events and was invited to join in planning and execution to insure safety and cooperation. Better communication will certainly increase our enjoyment and help the Coast Guard do its job. The Coast Guard is having an Open House June 2nd at USCG Station. Chief Gagnon welcomes anyone to attend.”

Humor From the Feminine Side

Dear Lord,

I pray for:

Wisdom, To understand a man.

Love, To forgive him and;

Patience, For his moods.

Because, Lord, if I pray for Strength

I’ll just beat him to death.

Boat Yard News

Our crews are all working feverishly on their appointed tasks, whether that be launching, new boat commissioning, painting bottoms, etc. The great weather of late has been a big help, and well-deserved after the cold and snowy winter we just endured. As an outfit that operates several boatyards, we know that one of the most difficult problems we must face each year is dealing with boats that are not readied for launch on time. Please get your boat ready so that you do not hold up the schedule, or worse yet, delay the launch of others if your boat is in their way. Our yard managers, Dave Snedden in Buffalo and Bruce Lort in Youngstown, will be most appreciative if you get your boat ready.

John, David, Dave, Mike and Bob are on schedule with new boat commissioning, which becomes more complicated each year as the boats we are delivering are more and more sophisticated. Air conditioning, radar, and all sorts of other installations are becoming the norm rather than the exception. It almost seems as if we have to build the boat all over again once we get it. These guys are talented and have been doing an excellent job, and they surely enjoy the positive comments you send there way. Don Finkle

Boat Yard is Open

The water has been turned on for both the main and north docks. This means the washroom in the Jr. Sailing building is operational,. Bob Reese has placed the first moorings and the Commodore’s boat is on its mooring.

Now is the time to get your boat ready to launch and enjoy spring sailing. If you are painting the bottom of your boat make sure you use a drop cloth so that no bottom paint hits the ground. Be sure to call RCR soon to organize any work you may need done as their schedule will fill up quickly.

Locker Rentals

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

Events Calendar

Fri-Sat, May 6-7	Le Metro Grand Opening: refurbished Club bar and dining room reopen.
Sun, May 8	Mother's Day: RSVP Brunch, Dinner
Sat, May 14	Tea Dance
Sat, May 21	Trash & Treasure Sale
Sat, May 21	Commodore's Ball
Mon, May 30	Memorial Day; Club open
Sat, June 11	Secretary's Race
Sun, June 12	Commissioning Day, Sail Past
Sun, June 12	Steak Roost
Fri-Sun, June 17-19	Solstice Crusie 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	Club Open
Sun, July 10	In Water Dock Party
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, 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.