



# Ripples

May, 2006



## From The Bridge Deck

The Club house and grounds are quickly coming together for an exciting season. Our brand new awning, built by the very capable folks at Custom Covers & Canvas, was recently installed and it looks great. You may not notice right away that it is a new awning as it is the same color but you will appreciate it the next time you are under it during a rain storm. Last year VC Fleet Vic Snyder proclaimed our old awning as nothing more than a sun shade with a 5 SPF rating. Thanks to the generosity of more than 30 members who donated nearly half of the cost of replacement, we have a quality awning that will be enjoyed for many seasons to come.

When you spend as much time as I and the other Club Officers and Board Directors do managing day-to-day Club operations, you really come to appreciate the hard work and thoughtfulness of the various people that support us. While working in the boat yard this spring, I had the opportunity to observe and interact with RCR's yard team of Bruce Lort, John Hall and Jim Jaremka. They enjoy their work and are eager to please. A few weeks ago, mooring specialist Bob Reese broke his foot just as moorings were supposed to start going in. No problem for the RCR team. It was reported that Bob was perched at the window of his home above Water Street giving mooring placement directions over a handheld radio. I believe that, for a Club as small as ours, we are very lucky to have the support of RCR Yachts.

With one year under their belt, the food and beverage service provided by the Le Metro staff has really developed into a quality operation. Clare, Shelby, Sara, Hillary, Brandy, Colin, the kitchen staff and busers are all dedicated to provide the best service possible. Behind the scenes, Maura Crawford, Vince McConeghy and Allen Lawson work closely with VC House Mike Banks on everything from entertainment to improving the kitchen equipment and functionality. Like RCR, Le Metro is able to run the YYC operation because they have other businesses that provide revenue and allow them to leverage vendors, staff and inventory.

I don't need to tell anyone how much we all count on our office manager, Josie Fittante. She is the glue that holds YYC together. She works tirelessly on behalf of the Club and always has the best interest of the members in mind. In the years I have worked closely with Josie, I have relied on her experience and judgment. Josie regularly saves the Club money by closely monitoring expenses and seeking out the best possible pricing. She is a valuable resource to YYC and a very dear person.

Your comments in the member survey were very supportive of the people and departments I've discussed, but we know there is always room for improvement. You can help by directing your comments directly to the officer or director in charge of the specific area instead of the staff. We can all help make our Club run more efficiently by scheduling yard work early and making dinner reservations whenever possible.

## YYC Member Survey

As mentioned in the previous Ripples, the response to the survey was very good and most felt the Club does a pretty good job. I'd like to review one aspect of the survey results in this issue of Ripples – Restaurant & Bar.

There has always been a debate over whether YYC should just be place to get a "Hamburg or hotdog" or offer quality entrees for those who enjoy a nice dinner – so we asked the question. Overall, 60% listed entrees as their 1<sup>st</sup> priority in dining preference, and 37% listed pub menu as 1<sup>st</sup> priority. Interestingly, the majority of both regular and social members listed entrees as 1<sup>st</sup> priority: 52% and 69% respectively. Whether you are interested in a hamburger or steak, a good restaurant operation is important to our membership. With respect to the quality of restaurant and bar, hours of operation, and pricing, this is the way member respondents felt:

Restaurant Service: 59% felt service is good to excellent; 39% felt service is okay or needs improvement.

Bar Service: 68% felt service is good to excellent; 25% felt bar service is okay or needs improvement.

Hours of operation: 53% felt hours of operation were about right; 36% felt hours could be expanded.

Food Prices: 63% felt prices were fair; 33% felt we need to lower our pricing.

Bar Prices: 73% felt prices were fair; 19% felt they are high.

While a majority of the people responding felt this aspect of our Club is going pretty well, anywhere from 20% to 40% depending on the topic felt we are average or need to improve. As a private club, we cannot afford to be "average"; we need to provide exceptional value for all our members.

The House Committee along with our concessionaire Le Metro is focused on reviewing your written suggestions – of which there are many – and doing everything they can to provide a restaurant/bar operation that ALL our members and guests rave about.

With respect to social events, the majority – 89% enjoy all the parties and by and large think they are well organized. When you compare Regular members compared to Social members, most Regular members prefer the traditional "Yacht Club" events like the Commodore's Ball, Tea Dance etc...; and most social members list as their first priority the holiday parties like Mother's Day, Wassail etc... While this breakdown might be expected, it provides valuable information to the House/Entertainment committee about the preferences of our membership in planning and promoting future events.

Next month we will take a look at the results for YYC boating related activities.

Paul Cannon, Membership Chair

**Restaurant and Club Hours**

The Club bar and restaurant are open for dinner Friday evenings. 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 [LibertaT37@verizon.net](mailto:LibertaT37@verizon.net) or drop them off with Josie in the YYC Club Office.

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**Erie Barge Canal Tolls Eliminated**

Dear Boating Enthusiasts:

I am pleased to announce that tolls for recreational boating on the New York State Canal System for the 2006 navigational season have been eliminated!

Recently, Governor Pataki proposed and the Canal Corporation approved the elimination of tolls for 2006 as part of a pilot program to improve boater access and expand tourism on the State's canals. Therefore, boaters do not need to purchase a pass this season to travel along New York's historic waterway.

This initiative is a part of our efforts to help New Yorkers and tourists throughout the nation rediscover the Canal System and revitalize communities along the Canal Corridor. I expect more exciting announcements like this in the near future.

I hope you will tell all of your friends and family members to come out and experience this unique, and now TOLL FREE, statewide resource: New York State's canals.

Sincerely,

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## St. Croix International Regatta

I flew down to St. Croix on February 15th to visit my friend and take part in the St. Croix International Regatta. I was planning on finding a boat at the Friday night Cruzan Rum welcoming party, but as I was stepping off the plane in St. Croix, I was approached by the crew of a J-145 (48' carbon fiber) to sail with them. I ended up running the foredeck for them with a 2,400 sq. ft. asymmetrical spinnaker. Managed to avoid shrimping with the A-sail, but we screwed the pooch in the regatta.



After ramming into the transom of a smaller boat on the starting line the second day of racing, the owner decided to bag racing on the third day. The St. Croix YC Commodore asked me to race on his trimaran *PIGLET*, and I was joined by an ex-Redwing 30 owner from Rochester, Jim Nealon. We had a great couple of races, but got squeaked out by a much larger trimaran.

While at the regatta, I ran into Jose' from San Juan whom I had met the previous year. Jose' has a C&C 37, and after he discovered that his boat was made in our "backyard" we struck up an immediate friendship.

Short version: Jose' asked if I was free after the regatta, and I accepted his invitation to sail his C&C over to Tortola. The voyage over was in 25-35 K winds, tight reaching into 8-10 foot seas, and I was really glad I was on a well built C&C.

During the 6 hour sail across the open ocean, Jose' mentioned that he was known as the "Mayor of Tortola". I enlightened Jose' that he was from PR, to which he corrected me saying that he knew everyone in Tortola. Every harbor, marina, bar or restaurant that we walked into, the red carpet was rolled out for Jose' and his friend (me). Lots of free drinks, food and meeting many of his friends.

We spent most of the week in Cane Garden Bay (east wind, no swells), with day sails over to Jost Van Dyke. Had lunch with Foxy who serenaded everyone with the "Ballad of Jose' ". On the last day we sailed up to Jose's free slip at Nanny Cay, cleaned her up, and enjoyed the AC since we had shore power. Truly a week on "island time", no watch or wallet for 7 days; 85 during the day and 70 at night.

Andrews H. Hooker, Honorary President LYRA



Travis Finkle recently became engaged to Meghan Settelmeyer. Travis is a vice president at Soliel Securities and Meghan is a special education teacher. Both live in Boston and a July 2007 wedding is planned. They are trying hard to find a date that works for them and does not cause too much disruption of dad's racing schedule!

Adam Burns has recently accepted an offer to join an investment firm in Buffalo, following in his father's footsteps. Apparently this new position will mean that Adam won't be sailing quite as much this summer as he is accustomed to.

If you see Bob Reese hobbling around it is because he broke four bones in his right foot while unloading some steel docks in Buffalo. He is being ably cared for by YYC member and orthopedic surgeon Dr. Mark Mieth. This is appropriate since Mark worked for RCR as a launch driver for a number of summers during college.

From Dave Ruscitto in Vermont:

"For some unknown reason Linda was looking at the YYC web site and came across your "Scuttlebutt" article in Ripples. Just wanted to send you a note thanking you for the free advertisement. (Dave makes awesome custom woodwork under his Camel's Hump Woodworking brand, which he makes in a barn he built himself)

"All is well here in Vermont. Winter was not a great one for outdoor activities, warm weather in Jan with rain and not much snow in general. Spring, is here every once in a while, some days are nice - warm and sunny - then it snows and gets cold again. The family members are all doing well. Adam spent another snowy winter in Lake Tahoe; he is planning on coming home for the summer that is unless he gets a better offer. Amanda had enough of her job and all the traveling and started grad school last September. She is finishing up her 1st year of a 2 year MBA program at the Univ. of Michigan. Leah has gotten engaged, but as of now there are not any wedding plans for this year. Her fiancé is starting a PHD program in finance at Ohio State Univ. They will be moving to Columbus, Ohio this summer and will be there for 4 years. Linda is still working part time at the town office. As for me, I'm still working in the barn making 'things'. Finished a kitchen cabinet job in February and just finishing a bedroom set now. Will start to get things ready for the summer market season.

"I keep saying I'm going to make it back to western New York, but never seem to have time, I'll be glad when I can retire! Dave

"PS. I forgot to tell you about Adam's latest venture. He and two other "ski bums" started an on line ski magazine. Check it out [www.exposureskimag.com](http://www.exposureskimag.com)."



## Mother's Day Buffet Brunch

Sunday, May 14  
11:30 am to 3:30 pm

Lemon Shrimp in Brodo  
Asparagus, Red Pepper & Fontinella Quiche  
Eggs Benedict  
Smoked Salmon w/ dill capers & sour cream  
Scrambled Eggs  
Applewood smoked Bacon  
Tuscan French toast with caramelized bananas

*Carving Station featuring*  
Roast Turkey with orange chipotle sauce  
Roast Lamb Loin with herb butter

Fresh Fruit & salad table  
Bruschetta table, with grilled ciabatta & assorted spreads  
Pastry table

Adults - \$18.95  
Children under 12 - \$9.95  
Children under four - free

Reservations are **STRONGLY** recommended  
(716) 745-7230, Ext. 18  
The Club bar will open at noon

## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Gifts

As an anniversary project, the YYCA has commissioned a well known Canadian glass artist from Nova Scotia to design original glassware to be sold in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the YYC.

The plates and sun catchers are displayed in the glass showcase in the club. There are a limited number.

Each piece is engraved on the back with *Youngstown Yacht Club 75th Anniversary 1931-2006*.



Each piece is hand crafted from the first cut to the final finish at the fused glass manufacturing facility in Chester Basin, Nova Scotia.

These original pieces make a lasting memory and a colorful gift for any occasion.

Choose from:

6"x16" Tray..... \$75    6"x12" Tray.....\$65  
4"x8" Tray..... \$30    Sun catchers.....\$15 ea.

Create a lasting memory. All pieces are dishwasher safe and have many uses including a decorative accent for home, cottage or boat.

For information or to order, contact Laurie Hugill by calling (905) 353-9195 or email: lhugill@cogeco.ca. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Laurie Hugill, President, YYCA.

## Youngstown Yacht Club Notecards On Sale

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

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

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**YYC 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**May 1931: YYC Is Formally Incorporated**

According to a fragment of an early attempt to chronicle YYC's history, the Youngstown Yacht Club was formally established at a meeting on May 7, 1931. A detailed and lengthy "Constitution" was adopted, officers were elected, and a decision was made to incorporate the organization.

The historian (unknown?), whose handwritten document for the year 1931 is included in the historical YYC papers now preserved, begins his narrative of 1931 events with a paean to the Club's magnificent location:

"The Lower Niagara River has long been noted for its scenic beauty. From Lewiston, NY to Lake Ontario it is essentially at lake level and its uniformly deep water free from rocks & shoals make it ideal for pleasure boating. Near the mouth of the river at Youngstown N.Y. there is ample space & shelter for mooring even the largest yachts. Old prints of the middle 1800s show a forest of masts of schooners . . . . So it is little wonder that for many years yachtsmen had looked at that spot as an ideal location for a yacht club."

By May, approximately fifty members had signed up. The following officers and trustees were elected at the May 7 meeting:

- Jasper M. Rowland, Commodore
- Augustus G. Porter IV, Vice Commodore
- John A. Williamson, Rear Commodore
- William P. Murphy, Secretary:
- Richard Cary, Treasurer
- Trustees: Charles W. Guernsey
- F. W. Scott,
- Henry P. Lammerts
- Arthur E. Murphy
- Harry LaRose.

The Trustees were empowered to negotiate a lease with the village of Youngstown for the "Haskell property on the river bank." A building already on the property would be remodeled for the Clubhouse, and a "concrete pier & slip" was also conveniently in place there.

Enthusiastic racers from the beginning, the officers immediately began planning for the new Club's first regatta, to be held on July 4, 1931.

A typed document dated May 9, 1931, provides the business affiliations of the original officers and trustees. It is evident that Youngstown Yacht Club members were prominent in the development of the electric power and chemical industries of the Niagara region. The Porter family owned most of the land in Niagara Falls that



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became sites of the electric power industry as well as the scenic state reservation. Jasper Rowland and Charles Guernsey were with Hooker Electrochemical Co., John Williamson with Carborundum Co., and F. W. Scott with Niagara Falls Power Co. Cary and Murphy had business addresses at the Gluck Building, possibly affiliated with Porter. LaRose owned a lumber company. A little research using the Niagara Falls City Directories of the period, available in the local history collection of the Niagara Falls Public Library, could discover the business connections of other charter members of the Club.

Next month this column will provide details of the original Club Constitution and Bylaws. Judy Volpe

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events**

- ◆ The Club will have a 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala, celebrating our history, June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ June 11<sup>th</sup> is Commissioning Day, which includes the traditional flag raising ceremony and commissioning of the Club for the season.

Mark your calendars now, you won't want to miss these events. They will hold some surprises.

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



**Second YYC Snowbird Reunion**

Twenty six current and former members and friends of the Youngstown Yacht Club dined at Cabbage Key on Monday March 20th. The party included the Hofs from St. Petersburg, Woodburns from North Port, the Swains & the Reeses from Punta Gorda, the Kelleys from Bradenton, the Hindes from Bonita Springs, the Bazemores from Dataw Island NC, the Hughes and McGuires as well as the Noonans, Huggins, Ackermans & Kolms from Burnt Store.

The trip to Cabbage Key aboard the *Cambridge Lady* took about 1½ hours as we cruised west from Burnt Store through the Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserve to the Inland Waterway and then south to Cabbage Key. Along the way we passed Useppa Island and were entertained with stories about the island's history and its use as a training site for the Bay of Pigs invasion.

The *Cambridge Lady*, a Chesapeake coastal cruiser draws just 4 feet and with her single prop 130 turbine Cummings engine managed a speedy 10 knots.

The *Cambridge Lady*, Captain Frank and First Mate Sherrie Herbert, spend winters at Burnt Store and summers at Cambridge, Maryland. According to the Herberts it takes about 2 1/2 weeks to make the 1,400 mile trip from Punta Gorda, across Florida on the Okeechobee Waterway to Stuart, and then north to their home base in Cambridge.



The Herberts, he's a former college counselor with 17 years in the merchant marine, she's a former bank officer, retired about 12 years ago and decided to switch from recreation sailing on the Chesapeake to a second career as tour boat operators on the Chesapeake.

Since the season up north is fairly short, they were soon looking for a winter home for their operation and found that Charlotte Harbor offered an ideal location. Built in 1992 in Albany NY, the *Cambridge Lady* has been doing day trips to Cabbage Key, Boca Grande/Gasparilla Island, Matlacha and Useppa Island for 8 years.

Cabbage Key, a small barrier island is privately owned by the Wells family and in addition to the restaurant, rents small cottages to the tourists.

Cabbage Key claims to be the location where Jimmy Buffet penned the lyrics to "Cheeseburger in Paradise;" and if you wish to return to the island, your are encouraged to leave a dollar bill posted on the walls. From the looks of all those dollar bills, everyone wants to return.

After a tasty dinner at Cabbage Key which included an appetizer of fresh (smoked that day) salmon, we departed for Burnt Store. During the trip back, in addition to enjoying the great star display there was some discussion about a 3rd Annual Reunion to be held in March 2007. Tentative plans include either a potluck dinner at the Tiki Hut or a dinner on Sunday night and then cruise to Useppa Island for lunch the following Monday. If you missed this one, try to be there next year. Karen Noonan



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### Galapagos Islands

Six hundred miles off the coast of Ecuador lies a group of islands that were unknown until just a few centuries ago. Free of humans for almost their entire history, the Galápagos were recently visited by Club members Laurie and Ceri Hugill on their recent tour through South America. No, they didn't sail there, Plaisir remained behind, happily dry docked during the Hugill's little excursion. The Hugills snapped these great pictures; the comments are Laurie's. Ed.



"Talk about ugly!"



"Here I am on a beach in the Galapagos Islands with my Levels T shirt on, soliciting Junior Sailors to the YYC Junior Sailing program. These 7 day old seal pups seemed eager to learn! A wonderful and memorable encounter!"



"How lucky we were to happen upon a wedding on our way to Mach Pichu. This is the bride and groom and their one child."



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## ATTACHMENT C [FINAL]

YYC-NOLSC RACE SCHEDULE 2006							
Month	Series	Day	Date(s)	Host	Invited	Special Instr.	
April	Furlined (N)	3/4	Sunday	2,9,16,23	NOLSC	Interclub	1 start
	Seven Year (N)	3/4	Sunday	30	NOLSC	Interclub	1 start
May	Seven Year (N)	3/4	Sunday	7,14,21	NOLSC	Interclub	1 start
	Wednesday Practice	-	Wednesday	24	NOLSC	Interclub	-
	Port Weller (N)	-	Sunday	28	NOLSC	Interclub	Yes
	Tues. Louis Mies Series	4/4	Tuesday	30	YYC	Registrants	Yes & White Sails
	Cyril Read (N/Y/R)	4/5	Wednesday	31	NOLSC	Interclub	-
June	J22 Racing	-	Thursday	1,8,15,22,29	YYC	Interclub	Yes
	Sprints	-	Saturday	3	YYC	C&C29,J22,36.7	Yes
	NOLSC Sailpast	-	Sunday	4	NOLSC	NOLSC	-
	Tues. Louis Mies Series	4/4	Tuesday	6,13,20	YYC	Registrants	Yes & White Sails
	Cyril Read (N/Y/R)	4/5	Wednesday	7,14,21,28	NOLSC	Interclub	-
	YYC Sailpast	-	Sunday	11	YYC	YYC	-
	Optimists & Prams	-	Thursday	15,22	YYC	Interclub	Yes
	Fathers Day Regatta	-	Saturday	17	DYC	Registrants	Yes
	Pelican (N/Y)	3/3	Sunday	18	NOLSC	Interclub	-
	Toronto NOOD Regatta	-	Fri-Sun	23,24,25	RCYC-NYC	Registrants	Yes
	Tues. Founder's Series	4/4	Tuesday	27	YYC	Registrants	Yes & White Sails
	Laser	-	Thursday	29	YYC	Interclub	Yes
July	C&C Owners	-	Sat-Sun	6/30,1,2	NYC	Registrants	Yes
	Jr. Sailing Alumni Regatta	-	Saturday	1	YYC	Registrants	Yes
	Tues. Founder's Series	4/4	Tuesday	11,18,25	YYC	Registrants	Yes & Whi
	Sheet Tailer's (N/Y/R)	3/4	Wednesday	5,12,19,26	NOLSC	Interclub	-
	J22 Racing/Laser	-	Thursday	6,13,20,27	YYC	Interclub	Yes
	Optimists & Prams	-	Thursday	6,13,20	YYC	Interclub	Yes
	Laser Regatta	-	Saturday	15	YYC	Registrants	Yes
	Niagara Cup (N/Y)	-	Saturday	15	NOLSC	Registrants	Yes
	Level Regatta	-	Sat & Sun	29,30	YYC	Registrants	Yes
	LYRA Founder's Cup	-	Monday	31	LYRA/SBYC	Registrants	Yes
August	LYRA Centennial	-	Tuesday	1	LYRA/SBYC	Registrants	Yes
	LYRA Freeman Cup	-	Wednesday	2	LYRA/SBYC	Registrants	Yes
	LYRA Day races	-	Fri-Sun	4,5,6	LYRA/SBYC	Registrants	Yes
	Tuesday Fall Series	4/4	Tuesday	1,8,15,22	YYC	Registrants	Yes & White Sails
	Lincoln Trust (N/Y/R)	4/5	Wednesday	2,9,16,23,30	NOLSC	Interclub	-
	J22 Racing/Laser	-	Thursday	3,10,17,24,31	YYC	Interclub	Yes
	Optimists & Prams	-	Thursday	3,10,17,24,31	YYC	Interclub	Yes
	Junior Olympics	-	Fri-Sun	11-13	RYC	Registrants	Yes
	Hospice	3/3	Saturday	12	YYC	Registrants	Yes
	1812 (N/Y)	-	Sat & Sun	26,27	NOLSC	Interclub	Yes & Long Dist.
	Tues. Doug Hooper Ser.	3/3	Tuesday	29	YYC	Registrants	Yes & White Sails
Sept.	Cornucopia Regatta	-	Sat-Sun	2,3	DYC	Registrants	Yes
	Tues. Doug Hooper Ser.	3/3	Tuesday	5,12	YYC	Registrants	Yes & White Sails
	September Wed Night (N)	2/3	Wednesday	6,13,20	NOLSC	Interclub	-
	J22 Racing	-	Thursday	7,14	YYC	Interclub	Yes
	Cock of the Walk	-	Sunday	10	YYC	Interclub	Yes
	Secretary's Race	-	Saturday	16	YYC	Interclub	Yes. Fun Race
	Fall Series (N/Y)	3/3	Sunday	17	NOLSC	Interclub	-
	Shark-Homecomers	-	Sat & Sun	23, 24	NOLSC	Registrants	Yes
Oct.	October Cup (N)	4/5	Sunday	1,8,15,22,29	NOLSC	Interclub	1 start
	Tom Turkey	-	Saturday	14	NOLSC	NOLSC	Yes
	YYC Awards	-	Saturday	21	YYC		
Nov.	NOLSC Awards Brunch	-	Sunday	12	NOLSC		

\* Counts towards NOLSC Boat of the Year (N) \*

\* Counts towards YYC Championship (Y) \*

\* Counts towards River Championship (R) \*

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### Capetown South Africa

Sheila Hirsch and Michael Kalm recently returned from Cape Town, South Africa and sent along the snap shots below.

Cape Town has been described as “Mother City of Africa, and the Western Cape, an area which is regarded as one of the most beautiful regions in the world. The City is a rare cultural gem, resulting from the amalgamation of Indonesian, French, Dutch, British and German settlers, the local Bushman and Hottentot tribes, and the Bantu tribes from the north.

“The impressive presence of Table Mountain, flanked by the legendary Devil’s Peak and historical Signal Hill, stands proudly above the city. Beautiful white sandy beaches along a peaceful coastline frame the Cape Peninsula, which is famed for its unique floral kingdom, bountiful rivers, vleis and dams and magnificent countryside. The surrounding area extends far into the winelands, green in summer and red-gold in autumn.”  
Ed.



## Board Reports

### Fleet Report

My Ripples writer's block continues in spring. Recovery seems to be a baby-step program. I just ruthlessly reduced my e-mail backlog from 260 to 78 messages.

Adam Burns has been a hot spark plug for the "Meet the Fleet" event scheduled for Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This is a great way for people to get an idea of what YYC has to offer in water related opportunities. Info for the event can be found in Weekly Waves, the RCR Newsletters, and some local advertisements. Stop in for the fun.

The final 2006 YYC/NOLSC Race Schedule is posted on the YYC web site. Many thanks to Paul Hays for his help keeping up with the posting.

We still need someone to come on as a real PHRF assistant with Andy Hooker to learn the ropes. If you race PHRF this is your opportunity to help out and keep things going. Call Andy or me if you can help.

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

Vic Snyder, V.C. Fleet

### Membership

We would like to welcome the following new members to YYC: David & Kelly Carpino, regular members from Clarence Center sponsored by Don Finkle and Paul Cannon; and Frank & Maureen Kemeny, social members from Lewiston sponsored by John DiFiore and Iver Phallen. Please remember that in conjunction with YYC's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary we are offering a 75% discount on initiation fees so 2006 is a great time to introduce new members to YYC.

Paul Cannon, Membership Director.

## Lake Ontario Cruising Club Association

On April 9th Club Secretary Ray Volpe represented YYC at a meeting of the new LOCCA and is preparing a report for a future issue of Ripples. Here are a few preliminary observations.

"The LOCCA took off in March. It initially only included Canadian clubs, but was quickly changed to include all Lake Ontario clubs. They plan to operate as a virtual club, with only two face-to-face meetings yearly.

The big push is to get their web site up, which I'm helping with. They also need funding, but it's a modest amount. The folks spearheading this are energized, well organized, talented, and seem easy to work with.

The key goal is better communication between clubs as to what events are going on at any given time to help folks schedule visits. They also hope to use LOCCA to give cruisers a larger voice with governing bodies, e.g. to oppose the current Coast Guard withdrawal of many aids to navigation."

## Event Sponsor Opportunity

*Boatswain, Captain, First Mate, Navigator, Commodore, Party Sponsor ?*

Party Sponsor? What does that have to do with being a member of the best sailing club on the Great Lakes? Plenty, if you want to get involved, make new friends and sponsor a party at YYC.

What does a sponsor do? A sponsor is the liaison between Clare, our concessionaire, and the membership for one of our scheduled parties. They are the ambassador, the public relations executive, the political spin doctor, the.....well, lets not get too carried away – Clare and the rest of our crew do all the heavy lifting for a party and the sponsor helps in the planning, gets the word out to the membership and makes sure it is a success.

It's a lot of fun and there are a few openings still available – upcoming Port of Call dinners include Napoli on Saturday May 13, Barcelona on Saturday June 3 and Marseille on Friday July 14. We have also scheduled a "Bay of Pigs Party" on Sunday, May 28 and a Cinco de Mayo party on Friday, May 5 and, of course, the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration are all looking for a sponsor.

So, if any of these dates spark your interest and you would like to help out, just give either Clare (445-2846) or myself (745-3828) a call. Mike Banks, V.C. House

**Yard Open for Business**

Yard operations have moved into high gear. Power and water utilities in the yard and North Dock washroom facilities are all functional. With our early launch season we have been working to give members an opportunity to prepare their boats for an early launch.

There are already several boats on moorings and from what I hear the sailing has been fantastic. Our new Club awning is also a nice new touch.

Mark Kirby, VC Yard

**75% Discount on Initiation Fee**

To help celebrate YYC's 75th anniversary the Club is offering a 75% discount on initiation fees. This 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.

**2006 Entertainment Schedule**

**February**

Friday 3 Restaurant reopening  
 Sunday 5 Super Bowl Pot Luck (YYCA)  
 Friday 17 Valentines  
 Tango & Argentine Wine Dinner

**March**

Friday 3 Port of Call Dinner Theme:  
 Rio De Janiero & Carnivale  
 Friday 17 St Patrick's Day

April  
 Friday 7 Port of Call Dinner Theme:  
 Cape Town

Saturday 29 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cocktail Party

**May**

Friday 5 Cinco de Mayo  
 Saturday 13 Port of Call Dinner Theme:  
 Napoli  
 Sunday 14 Mother's Day Brunch  
 Saturday 20 PC's Tea Dance  
 Sunday 28 Memorial Day (Party)

**June**

Saturday 3 Port of Call Dinner Theme:  
 Barcelona  
 Saturday 10 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala  
 Sunday 11 Commissioning / Sail Past  
 Sunday 18 Father's Day  
 Saturday 24 Children's Summer Picnic  
 Saturday 24 Single / Double Hand Race  
 (layover at YYC)  
 Sunday 25 Steamers & Blues

**July**

Sunday 2 Dock-in - waterfront  
 drive-in movies  
 Tuesday 4 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration  
 Saturday 1 Jr. Sailing Alumni Regatta

**July (continued)**

Friday 14 Port of Call Dinner Theme:  
 Marseille (Bastille Day  
 Sat/Sun 29/30 Level Regatta

**August**

Sunday 6 Steamers & Blues:  
 Marley Madness  
 Fri/Sat 11/12 Hospice Regatta  
 Saturday 12 Port of Call Dinner Theme:  
 Athens  
 Sunday 13 Dock-in/waterfront  
 drive-in movies

**September**

Sunday 3 TBD  
 Monday 4 Labor Day  
 Saturday 9 Port of Call Dinner Theme:  
 Madeira / Lisboa  
 Sunday 10 Cock of the Walk  
 Saturday 16 Secretary's Race  
 Saturday 16 Napa Nights Wine Dinner  
 Saturday 23 Jr. Sailing Banquet (revised)  
 Sunday 24 YYCA 75<sup>th</sup> Tea (revised date)

**October**

Saturday 7 Port of Call Dinner Theme  
 Istanbul  
 Saturday 21 Fleet Awards banquet  
 Friday 27 Annual Meeting

**November**

Saturday 5 Port of Call Dinner Theme:  
 New York, New York

**December**

Saturday 2 Wassail Bowl  
 Sunday 31 New Year's Eve



**Sailor's Meet & Greet**

If you've ever entertained the idea of participating in one of the Club's sailing programs, here is your opportunity. On Saturday, May 6th the Club will hold a Meet & Greet event to explore opportunities for sailing during the upcoming season. Everyone is invited: members, non-members, current crew, and those interested in crewing. No sailing experience is necessary – none, really.

This will be an informal affair –you can attend in the same clothes worn to paint the bottom of your boat. The Meet & Greet will be at the Club, from 4-7pm, on Saturday, May 6th. For more information, email Adam Burns at gradman14174@yahoo.com.

**Junior Sailing Schedule**

The Junior Sailing application is now available from the YYC website: [http://www.yyc.org/jrsail/jr\\_sailing\\_homepage.htm](http://www.yyc.org/jrsail/jr_sailing_homepage.htm)

**bis-tro**

**beestro**

*noun (plural: bistros)*

**1** : an informal, unpretentious restaurant

**2** : a small bar or tavern



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