



Ripples

October 2005



From The Bridge Deck

Our wonderful summer weather carried through the first weekend of October with the arrival of two tall ships to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Pouchot's landing at Fort Niagara. On Saturday morning, 75 French re-enactors boarded the ships at the Club dock and before departing for the Fort. The ships sailed out into the lake accompanied by an armada of sailboats enjoying the summer-like day. After the re-enactment at the Fort, the ships returned to YYC for the evening and welcomed member's for a private tour. On Sunday, YYCA served coffee and Danish to visitors arriving to tour the ships and opened the Club to the public for lunch and dinner. Everyone did their best to make the crews and public welcome. I would like to thank Bruce Newton for coordinating the tall ship's visit to the Club. It was an honor for the Club to be a part of this historic event.

After Saturday's excitement with the tall ships, the Club dining room was the setting for the first Cruising Banquet organized and hosted by Karen and PC Howard Noonan and Judy and Ray Volpe. It was an exceptional celebration of the summer cruising exploits. There were creative and amusing awards for everything from cruising the longest distance to leaving the most lead on the rocks; the latter being awarded to yours truly. After the festivities, the party continued at the bar with the crew of the tall ships. We had a wonderful time learning about their education programs and exchanging sailing stories.

The Annual Members Meeting will be held on Friday, October 28 at the Yacht Club. Attending this meeting is a great way to learn about what is going on at your Club. All Regular, Senior and Intermediate members in good standing are eligible to vote prior to the meeting for the Board of Director positions that are open. Proposed by-law changes were recently mailed out and posted. I'd like to take a moment to summarize the thought behind some of the proposals. Several of the proposals are designed to consolidate and clearly define the membership levels. One proposal changes the billing method from annual to monthly. This should make budgeting dues easier for both members and the Club's Treasurer. The option to pay in one lump sum will still be available. Another proposal enables bar charges to be applied towards the food minimum and adjusts the minimum to \$275. Our members use the Club differently with some using the bar more than the restaurant. An analysis was done to determine the appropriate amount of a combined food and beverage minimum. More information on these and the other proposals will be provided at the Annual Meeting and I encourage all classes of membership to attend. I also encourage any voting member who can't attend to fill out a proxy to get your voice heard.

(See **Bridge Deck** on page 3)

Annual Membership Meeting October 28: Board Elections, Bylaw Revisions Plans For the Club's Future

The Annual Membership meeting will be held Friday, October 28 starting with voting at 5 pm in the Clubhouse. The evening will include an Annual Report, Board elections, voting on proposed bylaw changes, and a report on plans for the Club's future.

Four new Board Members will be elected, forming a new, smaller, nine-member Board as prescribed by last year's bylaw revisions.

Members will vote on bylaw proposals designed to simplify membership status, adjust dues to attract younger members, modify food minimums to include bar charges, and allow for the monthly billings of member dues.

Voting begins at 5 pm and ends at 7:30 pm. Regular, Intermediate and Senior members who do not have a delinquent account are eligible to vote. Proxy voting for Board Members is described in the Bylaws, Section 4.07 E.

Members will also hear the status of marketing consultant Club Mark's recommendations for planning the Club's future.

Board Candidates: Nominating Committee Chair PC Doug Vanstrom has announced the following seven candidates for election:

- Paul Cannon (current Membership Director)
- Don Finkle (current Publicity Director)
- Doug Lee
- Bruce Matthews
- Richard Roach
- Tom Tomaszewsk (current Treasurer)
- Tom Walder

(see pages 11-12 for candidate biographies)

Those who will remain on the Board for the second year of their two-year term are:

- Mike Banks (current VC House)
- Mark Kirby (current Harbormaster)
- Vic Snyder (current VC Fleet)
- Gary Tisdale (current Commodore)
- Ray Volpe (current Secretary)

(See **Bylaw Revisions** on pages 10-11)



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I DO. I DO

The YYCA is planning a Ladies Only dinner theater evening to see the popular Tom Jones musical *I Do. I Do.* The story of a marriage is at the center of this intimate work by Harvey Schmidt and Tom Jones, the authors of "The Fantastics." This is a repeat performance for this popular show that originally starred Mary Martin and Robert Preston on Broadway. Dinner starts at 5:30 pm at the the Port Mansion Theatre Restaurant in Port Dalhousie. Laurie Hugill has reserved twenty seats for the Wednesday, November 9 performance. Last year's event was well attended, so tickets will go fast. To reserve seating (\$59.75 CA, taxes and gratuities included), call Laurie at (905) 353-9195 or email her at lhugill@cogeco.ca.

Yard Party Saturday Oct.15

The season is winding down and it is time to put away some of the summer stuff – there will be a work party on Saturday – October 15th. We will be taking down the tent on the north dock and putting away hoses and patio furniture. Not a ton to be done but necessary. To ALL our new members – please come on down and get to know everyone. We have more fun than hard work! There will be wine & beer and pizza and wings. Let's start about 11 am. MaryAlice Eckert, VC House.

"A Moving Experience"

A narrated slide show describing the engineering feat of moving the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse will be presented by PC Rick Lohr on Monday, October 24 at 7pm. The presentation is being sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown and the Friends of the Youngstown Free Library.

PC Rick Lohr, President of International Chimney will narrate the show in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

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Lastly, on behalf of the Yacht Club, I would like to extend our sincerest condolences to Linda and PC Larry White and their family for the tragic loss of their son, Steve, in a boating accident on the Niagara River on Saturday, October 8. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their loved ones.



Gordon Stephens will be sailing with former long-time YYC member Tom Lajos this month in the south of France. Gordon has sailed with Tom many times on Tom's 29 foot Dragon class sloop in regattas around the world. The Dragon was popular at YYC during the 1960s, and is still a revered class in Europe with large fleets in many countries. Gordon says he and Tom will be sailing a classic wooden boat regatta in Cannes.

Jason Carminati (a.k.a. Mini) and Emily Augello finished second in the 420 class at CORK in August. CORK is located in Kingston, Ontario, a huge event that brings together top dinghy sailors from a wide area. Finishing second in such a large and talented fleet is truly an accomplishment. The last YYC sailor to finish second at CORK in such a large fleet was Adam Burns in 1993 in Laser 2s, and he went on to become a three-time Collegiate All America. Not to take anything away from the rest of our talented group of YYC sailors, but many of us see great things ahead for "Mini".

Tim Finkle, Morgan Paxhia and Mike O'Connor recently won the Canadian J/22 Championship in Whitby with a dominating performance. Tim Booth was sailing on the second place boat, *Alternative Girlfriend*, from NOLSC. Other YYC sailors who have won that event include Chris Doyle (4 times), Vic Snyder with Kevin Doyle (4 times). YYC crew who are also on the trophy include: Bruce Matthews, Brad Lohr, Tom Reese and Beth Snyder.

The Tuesday Night Main and Jib racing program at YYC is a lot of fun and more people and boats should take part. New members who would like to try some informal racing are always welcome. There is a more relaxed atmosphere on Tuesdays and there are no spinnakers, so novice sailors can start off here with little trouble. Thanks go to the race committee team on Tuesdays, led by Ed Rogers with assist from various others including Mike Banks.

From all reports YYC junior member Jacob Doyle is enjoying the SUNY Maritime Academy and is doing well there. When he graduates he will not only have a Bachelor degree, but also his ship's papers so he can pursue a career as a merchant marine officer.

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Salty Crews Turns Out for 1st Annual Cruising Banquet

The Club's first Annual Cruising Banquet left folks laughing in its wake, carrying away prized trophies, certificates of honor and gag gifts sure to make the evening a memorable event.

The Club's upper dining room was filled with the sprightly crews that carry on YYC's proud tradition of cruising the world over. The evening started with drinks (of course) and the sampling of hors d'oeuvres entered for the Best Appetizer contest. Over the sparkling conversation of "hmm - yummy," and "hey, that's good!" chomp, chomp, members viewed a computer slide show picturing boats and crews decked out for the Sail Past on Commission Day, snap shots from this summer's West End and Solstice cruises, and pictures of cruisers that "circumnavigated" the lake this past summer, venturing up into the 1000 Islands, the Bay of Quinte, Sodus and Sackett's harbor, just to name a few favorite spots.

Following dinner Karen Noonan and Judy Volpe teamed up to present the awards. The dynamite duo kept the laughter rolling with accompanying gag gifts and cockpit commentary.

The idea of the banquet was brainstormed over a dinner hosted by PC Howard and Karen Noonan with guests Ceri and Laurie Hugill, and Ray and Judy Volpe. In his introductory remarks, Volpe noted the Club has a proud and widely recognized tradition of racing and yearly hosts a range of regattas that this year included the Level and LYRA events on back-to-back weekends. The cruising banquet, Volpe said, was organized to celebrate the many boat owning members that sail off without the benefit of a starting gun, who most often are crewed by only the owner and first mate (one from "Mars," one from "Venus"), and who race "not in circles around inflatable markers – guess they can't steer very well," but against everything under sail on the horizon, whatever its length.

The award winners this year were:

- ◆ David and Mary Lou Chamberlain, *Low Bid 3*: Pathfinder award for the members who introduced others to wonderful anchorages.
- ◆ Karen Weber, *Summer Breeze*: Kodak Moment, for her series of photos taken during the West End Cruise.
- ◆ PC Melanie Tisdale, *First Today*: Special Kodak Moments, for her generous chronicling of Club events throughout the year, pictures used extensively in the Yearbook, Ripples and other Club publications.



Tall Ship re-enactors helped celebrate the 250th anniversary of Captain Pierre Pouchot's arrival at Fort Niagara (page 6)

- ◆ Karen Weber, *Summer Breeze*: Emeril Eat Your Heart Out Gourmet award for her heavenly cookies.
- ◆ Tony and Rose Buscaglia, *Bella Donna*: Most Ports Visited (on Lake Ontario). Special mention was given to David Martin who is presently in the Baltic Sea having sailed from England to St. Petersburg, Russia, and throughout the Baltic Sea, commencing in May and finishing this month.
- ◆ Ceri and Laurie Hugill, *Plaisir*: Wine Sommelier, for organizing and selecting wines for the West End Cruise.
- ◆ Karen and PC Howard Noonan, *Blue Note*: Best Cockpit for Cocktails, an easy choice given their new folding wheel and Mark Brunner's endorsement: "there is always booze on Board."
- ◆ Mark Brunner, *Solo*, Longest Sail (non-stop). Mark sailed single-handed from Sodus Bay to Youngstown (91 miles).
- ◆ Ceri and Laurie Hugill, *Plaisir and Plaisirette*: Calvary to the Rescue, for assisting others in time of peril including: providing dingy transportation between the Navy Islands and Gananoque into a stiff breeze and choppy sea to fetch a new battery for Solo; for towing

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Cruising Banquet

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Liberta when her cooling pump failed, and for radioing the Canadian Coast Guard to come to the assistance of *Hayat*, a 52,000 pound steel cutter from Bluffers set adrift when the tow rope from *Liberta* (14,500 pounds) parted.

- ◆ PC Jessie Sabin, *Joyce's Nemesis*: Shipwright. YYC's Mr. Tooltime, for numerous projects to keep the Club afloat. Jim Jaremka, *Gryphon*, was also honored for his many contributions to the Club and for the numerous times he has assisted others to track down shipboard gremlins.
- ◆ -Jim and Donna Huggins, *Home James*: Tallest Tale, for Jim's impromptu swim 100 feet from shore that brought the Coast Guard to the rescue and in the process deep sixed a new, all stainless steel swim ladder; and to Donna Huggins for collapsing a port-a-potty while in use.
- ◆ Ed Simmons, *Silver Fox*: Best Pick Up Crew. Ed persuaded PC Fred Stephens, Tom Hooker and the Village of Youngstown Mayor (who had never sailed) to help him return *Silver Fox* from RCYC to Youngstown.
- ◆ Mark Brunner, *Solo*: Most Intrepid Sailor, for single-handing Solo on two trips to the 1000 Islands in successive years, and overcoming numerous challenges including a failed autopilot, GPS, dead batteries, non-functioning galley stove, and various engine "situations."
- ◆ Commodore Gary Tisdale, *First Today*: Lead on the Rocks award. Gary won a unique trophy hand-crafted by Dave Chamberlain for going aground near the Mackinaw Islands in Northern Lake Superior. The trophy will be passed on year-to-year to future recipients. Runners up for the trophy were Don Finkle who apparently is still learning the chart area close to Fort Niagara, and Ron Ciamaga who went aground during the Secretary's Race but still managed to win the race!

Certificates of Honor will be sent to the Oakville Yacht Club for its selection as Favorite Port, and to Tin Pan Galley in Sacketts Harbor selected as Favorite Restaurant for its innovative menu, lush garden patio setting, and great live jazz entertainment. The Navy Islands in the 1000 Islands were selected as Favorite Anchorage.
Ray Volpe

Wining Cockpit Appetizer

The Cruising Banquet award for the best cockpit appetizer was won by *Summer Breeze* first mate Karen Weber. Her entry, Mexican Dip, is easy to prepare and store aboard, and very yummy.

Mexican Dip

½ lb. 95% ground sirloin

½ lb. Velveeta Cheese

½ c. Shredded Mexican Cheese

1 24 oz. jar Salsa

Mix and serve with your favorite chip!

Winter Cover For Your Boat

From RCR Yachts Sailor's Newsletter

A Fitted Winter Cover is one of the best things you can do for your boat. It keeps the standing water, ice and snow off the deck so that it does not have an opportunity to get down into the deck core. Our number one survey issue on used boats is wet core in the deck. Much of this moisture gets in during the winter months. Think about it, during the summer we don't get much rain, and when we do it dries up quickly. But during the winter the ice and snow lays on the deck and that is when the trouble starts. A winter cover also protects the gelcoat from sunlight, keeps the teak out of the weather, and in general reduces the weathering of the whole topside of the boat and all of the hardware on it. This includes your expensive electronics too.

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Tall Ships Visit Youngstown

On Saturday and Sunday October 1-2 Old Fort Niagara marked the 250th anniversary of Captain Pierre Pouchot's arrival at Fort Niagara in the fall of 1755. Captain Pouchot, a native of Grenoble, France, fortified and later defended Fort Niagara against a British attack. The full weekend of activities included a recreation of Pouchot's landing from two tall ships, and a dramatic march-in and artillery salute. Saturday events included an educational workshop on French Canadian music and an evening concert.

Two Tall Ships, the STV Pathfinder and Playfair docked at YYC late Saturday morning. After boarding 75 French re-enactors at the Club's dock, the ships sailed off to the Fort for the recreation of Pouchot's landing. After returning from the Fort on Saturday, the ships welcomed Club members for a deck tour. On Sunday, the ships were opened for public tours. Complete information about both vessels is available at www.tallshipadventures.on.ca/pathfinder.htm and www.tallshipadventures.on.ca/playfair.htm.

To help celebrate the visit of the Tall Ships, on Sunday the Club held a successful Open House, inviting the public arriving to tour the ships to experience YYC's Clubhouse accommodations. The restaurant and bar were opened, and membership and Jr. Sailing information was circulated. It was a perfect weekend for the event, sunny skies and unexpectedly warm weather contributed to the successful event.

Sailing Events

- Oct. 6-10 US Sailboat Show, Annapolis
- Oct. 13-18 US Powerboat Show, Annapolis

YYC Laser Regatta Committee Receives Warm Praise

I thought I would pass along Chas' kind words and my thanks to the committee members. Thanks again and good show.... Paul Hayes

I must THANK YOU for such a fantastic event - it is so well organized

It is not only the fact that the races are very well done (good call on that 90 degree shift also), but the presence of the Club and event on the web is tremendous, as well as results, photos etc. You really are a model on how it should be done, and the ambience is so nice too!! Thanks also for the great BBQ afterwards. Youngstown is the BEST! Please forward this sentiment to other good members of the YYC Team.

Best wishes

Chas Williamson

Faculty Advisor Cornell University Sailing

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2005 Level and LYRA Race Results: YYC Boats

YYC did a phenomenal job hosting two of Lake Ontario's premier racing events. The Level had 275 boats and some great fleets, and it was followed with the LYRA Race Week with its full schedule of day, overnight and course races. The weather cooperated for a very fast Centennial Race, a highly competitive Freeman overnight race, and then three full days of course racing. Boats in the course races got up to ten races in the series, and even the J/22s, who sailed only on the weekend, got in seven races. The Club can be proud of the work that its legion of volunteers did to host this wonderful series of events, on the water and on shore.

(Only top places are shown. The number before the boat's name indicated how they placed.)

LYRA Race Results

2005 LYRA Centennial Race: Multihull:

1 Flight Simulator, Tom Reese, Corsair 28R

PHRF 3:

4 Margaritaville, Scott Dinse, Express 30-1

PHRF 1:

3 Night Owl, Rick Lohr, Beneteau 36.7

4 Seaweed, Jeff Carver, Beneteau 36.7

Overall Monohull Best Corrected Time:

3 Night Owl, Rick Lohr, Beneteau 36.7

LYRA Freeman Cup Long Course

Multihull

1 Flight Simulator, Tom Reese, 64 Corsair F-28R

Beneteau 36.7

1 Seaweed, Jeff Carver

2 Night Owl, Rick Lohr

3 First Today, Gary Tisdale

4 Still Impetuous, Ron Ciamaga,

5 Joyce's Nemesis, Jesse Sabin

LYRA Freeman Cup Short Course

PHRF 3

1 Hot Ziggetty, Ed Ziegenfuss, Sabre 32

LYRA 2005: Course A

Beneteau 36.7

3 First Today, 32.00 (7) 3 2 4 1 7 6 1 4 4

4 Hammertime, 36.00 6 8 (9) 3 4 1 8 3 2 1

5 Seaweed, 49.00 2 5 5 7 9 4 5 6 6 (14)

LYRA 2005 - Course B : Multihull

1 Flight Simulator, 8.00 (1) 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

LYRA 2005 - Course C : C&C 29

1 Rockin' Chair, 10.00 1 1 2 1 1 1 (5) 1 2

2 Chute the Breeze, 18.00 2 (4) 1 2 4 3 1 4 1

3 Obsession, 22.00 4 3 3 3 3 2 2 (5)

PHRF-5

1 Pegasus, 17.00 3 2 1 3 1 2 2 3 (4)

LYRA 2005: Course D

J/22

1 Toots II, 11.00 1 4 1 1 1 2 1

3 Mo' Money, 31.00 3 5 6 3 4 7 3

4 Elmo, 33.00 4 1 7 8 2 3 8

5 Prana, 39.00 7 6 3 2 8 8 5

LYRA Course Racing "Boat of the Day"

Boats judged to be the outstanding performers on each day of racing:

Saturday, One Design Boat of the Day:

Toots II, Peter Doyle, J/22, YYC

LYRA Overall Regatta Champion:

One Design: Seaweed, Jeff Carver & Don Finkle, B-36.7

Level Race Results

Grand Prix

3- Plow Horse, Hesse, Bob, One Design, 35 3 3 3 1 2 12

Beneteau F-40.7

6- G-Force, Michael Gotthelf, 4 6 6 3 8 4 27

Beneteau F-36.7

2- First Today, Gary Tisdale, 7 6 4 2 3 22

3- Seaweed, Don Finkle, 3 8 1 5 7 24

4- Hammertime, Tom Lewin, 5 3 5 6 6 25

PHRF 12

1- Pegasus, Andy Hooker, Redwing 30, 1 1 1 1 2 6

NFS - A

2- Montage, Paul Orsi, I C&C 38-3 3 2 1 6

J/22

4- Toots II, Morgan Paxhia, 7 10 8 3 6 34

8- Elmo, Chris & Sue Doyle, 6 15 15 6 3 45

9- Mo' Money, Victor Snyder, 10 13 11 11 5 50

10- Prana, John Goller, 16 14 9 4 8 51

C&C 29-1 & 2

1- Rockin' Chair, Skip Doyle, C&C 29-1 1 1 2 1 1 6

4- Chute the Breeze, Joseph Waple, C&C 29-2 4 8 5 2 5 24

5- Obsession, Norman Stessing, C&C 29-1 6 7 6 4 2 25

Multihull

2- Flight Simulator, Tom Reese, Corsair F2 1 1 5 3 10

PHRF 6

1- Chariot, Paul Cannon, C&C 33-2 1 1 3 1 6

PHRF 8

5- Margaritaville, Dinse Scott, Express 30-1 YYC: 5 5 5 2

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Club Open Fridays and Saturdays Starting October 8

The Club bar and restaurant are now open Fridays and Saturdays, only. Special events planned for this fall include the U.S. premier of wines from the coolest new winery in Canada, an evening of sipping and tasting with YYC's favorite bar-vivant and her oeno- savvy dad... any "Desperate Housewives" out there? A haunting event in October – guess when, and an evening session with the Club's psychic (you didn't know we had a psychic?). Look for details in coming Weekly Waves issues. And don't miss the Bills on the BIG screen. Devour our thematic pub menu as the Bills devour their opponents (hope springs eternal). The Club is available for private parties at any time. If you prefer a real person when you phone, call Clare at 445-2846. Clare Crawford

Club Yearbook

Additional copies of the Yearbook 2005 are still available...you can't have too many copies (one for the boat, one for home, one for the office) for the nominal price of \$5. Stop at the Club Office or contact Josie by calling (716) 745-7230 x10 or send email to yyc@adelphia.net.

Level Regatta and YYCA Clothing Available

If you haven't as yet updated your wardrobe with YYC imprinted clothing or a keeper from this year's Level Regatta, good news! Level and YYC clothing is still available. YYCA has marked down some YYC clothing from 20 to more than 50% off (get two for the price of one). For Level clothing contact levelgear@yyc.org or call Amy Reynolds at (716) 745-7635. YYC clothing is on display at the Club. YYCA members provide sales assistance Friday evenings; at other times ask at the bar or see Josie in the Club's Office upstairs.

Help Keep Our Clubhouse Clean

Please remove all personal items from the coatroom by October 15, 2005. Currently, there is a collection of clothing, boxes, lifejackets, and other personal items which are causing a great deal of clutter. Since the coatroom is one of the first things our members and guests see when they walk in the door, it is important that we keep it tidy! If you are not sure if you may have left something in there but can't get to the Club to get it, please call Josie at (716) 745-7230 x10 and let her know. She will put it aside for you. Otherwise, anything remaining after October 15 will be donated to the Salvation Army.

Board Reports

Fleet

The Cock of the Walk Race was sailed on a next to perfect day, until the wind diminished. The event began with Bloody Marys and Salty Dogs served ala Clare (pink Salty Dogs again?). We returned more to the original river race concept with a unidirectional start between the Fort George and YYC flagpoles with once around (remember, either direction) the green buoy and an inflatable mark placed up river on the U.S. side. The either direction format made for some interesting mark rounding. One such incident showcased the maneuverability of a J/22. Thanks to Clare for the bar support. Also to Kevin and Carol Doyle for running Race Committee. Race Results: 1st - Battlestar Pegasus/Andy Hooker, 2nd - Elmo/Will Harris, 3rd - Holding On/Pete Welsby.

Sue McNaughton organized and ran our Split Club Raffles to generate funds for something "frivolous" on Wednesday Race night. We decided to try a good old fashioned Ice Cream Social. The Le Metro people did a great job providing dishes of ice cream and a big array of sundae toppings. From the number of people going through the line, it looked like a success. A big thanks to Sue for running the raffle and to those that bought Split Club tickets.

Unless someone else would rather serve as V.C. Fleet next year, I am willing to do a second term. There are a couple changes that I intend to pursue that not everyone may agree with. One is to do away with weekly flag presentations for Wednesday Night Racing. There are two main reasons I propose this. One is that giving flags out every week diminishes their importance. "Dressing Ship" with flags is not done much anymore, but back in the day the flags displayed were not easy to come by. The second reason is cost. YYC pays \$5 for each flag. It is next to impossible to have enough flags without over ordering. Cost savings will be significant. We will continue to present Wednesday flags for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd overall for each fleet in each series.

Once the weekly Wednesday flags are no more, we will need a way to recognize our participants. I will continue to annoyingly ring the bell and make announcements each race night as in the past. I also plan to have a glass protected YYC Fleet Notice Board mounted in the Chartroom area. This will give us a place to post results and provide an "official" notice board, something we've been lacking for a while. I'm open to discuss these changes, but the only real

way to deter me would be to replace me as V.C. Fleet next year. Fair warning. Vic Snyder, VC Fleet.

House

The Club is now open for dinner on Fridays and Saturdays, only. Le Metro will be featuring special events along with Club events throughout the year and, as always, the Club is available for private parties. Mike Banks, VC House.

Yard

The season is winding down and it is time to put away some of the summer stuff – there will be a work party on Saturday – October 15. We will be taking down the tent on the north dock and putting away hoses and patio furniture. Not a ton to be done but necessary. To all our new members – please come on down and get to know everyone. We have more fun than hard work! There will be wine and beer and pizza and wings. Let's start about 10 am.

Our handyman will finish up in a couple of weeks and some of his responsibilities will fall on us. I need everyone's help with the trash. Since we won't have anyone to empty the cans we need to put our trash in the dumpster. Thank you in advance – this will be a huge help and will keep rodents from moving in for a feast.

It has been a great year and I enjoyed serving as VC Yard. Thank you to all who helped. MaryAlice Eckert, VC Yard.

Membership

We would like to welcome the following new members:

Ellis & Jeannine Wright, Lockport, Regular
Jim & Nancy Poole, Youngstown, Associate

We had a pretty good year for Membership at YYC . Since January we recruited 65 new members in all categories. There was a tremendous response to our financial incentives and lowering of dues for younger members.

This year marked a turning point in recruiting young members to YYC – we more than tripled the number of members under the age of 35 from 5 in 2004 to 18 at the end of 2005. This is a trend we will work very hard to continue. Thanks again to all the sponsors for their efforts this year. Paul Cannon, Membership Chair.

Proposed Bylaw Revisions (from page 1)

The following are the proposed bylaw revisions approved by the Board of Directors that will be submitted for the members' approval at the Club's Annual Meeting Friday, October 28, 2005.

ARTICLE I. MEMBERS

Section 1.01 Classes of Members

Present Bylaw:

There shall be the following classes of members:

- A. Regular
- B. Intermediate
- C. Junior
- D. Non-Resident
- E. Honorary
- F. Senior
- G. Associate
- H. Old Salt

Proposed Revision:

There shall be the following classes of members:

- A. Regular
- B. Social
- C. Junior
- D. Non-Resident
- E. Honorary

Section 1.03 Intermediate Members – DELETED

Section 1.07 Senior Members – DELETED

Section 1.02 Regular Members

Present Bylaw:

A. Persons twenty-one (21) years of age and over are eligible for Regular membership.

Proposed Revision:

A. Persons twenty-three (23) years of age and over are eligible for Regular membership.

Section 1.08 Associate Members

Present Bylaw: Associate Members

A. Persons twenty-one (21) years of age and older are eligible for Associate membership except those who maintain a boat larger than 18 feet on the Lower Niagara River.

Proposed Revision: Social Members

A. Persons twenty-three (23) years of age and older are eligible for Social membership except those who maintain a boat larger than 18 feet on the Lower Niagara River.

Section 1.09 Proposal for Membership

Present Bylaw:

B. Sponsors may not:

- (i) be related to the candidate by blood or affinity
- (ii) be normally associated with the candidate in business or profession and
- (iii) have been members for less than one calendar year.

Proposed Revision: Delete B (ii).

Section 1.10 Resignations, Leaves of Absences and Changes in Membership Class

Present Bylaw:

D. Any member wishing to change his/her membership status from Regular, Senior or Intermediate status to Associate status, or vice versa, must notify the Secretary in writing. If notice is received prior to June 1, all dues for the year shall be at the changed rate. If notice is received on or after June 1, dues shall be prorated between the previous status rate and the new status rate on a monthly basis through October 1. Thus, a Regular member who has paid full regular dues will receive a rebate of the difference between those dues and the dues of the new category. An Associate Member moving to Regular membership status will pay the difference between the two classes of dues. Any status change requested received after June 30, if accepted will become effective for the following year.

Proposed Revision:

D. Any member wishing to change his/her membership status from Regular to Social status, or vice versa, must notify the Secretary in writing. Once written notice is received and approved by the Board of Directors, the monthly dues, commencing with the next calendar month, will be adjusted to reflect the new dues rate per month.

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Proposed Bylaw Revisions *(from previous page)*

ARTICLE III. DUES, FEES, ASSESSMENTS, AND CHARGES

Section 3.01 Annual Dues

Present Bylaw:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Dues</u>
Regular	\$990
Intermediate	\$300
Junior	\$ 55
Non-Resident	\$190
Senior	\$695
Associate (21-34 yrs)	\$200
Associate (>34 yrs.)	\$540
Old Salt	\$ 55

Proposed Revision:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Age Bracket</u>	<u>Dues</u>
Regular	23-34	\$300
Regular	35-69	\$990
Regular	70 & up	\$792
Junior	10-22	\$55
Social	23-34	\$200
Social	35 & up	\$540
Non-Resident	n/a	\$150
Old Salt*	n/a	\$ 55

* Designates a former category of membership that will no longer be available; previous members of this category would be grandfathered in.

Present Bylaw:

Non-Resident members have dues of \$190 per year and an initiation fee of \$300.00.

Proposed Revision:

Non-Resident Members shall pay dues of \$150.00 per year and an initiation fee of \$0.00.

(Note: Non-Resident Members must be either a previous member of YYC or a present member of another yacht club.)

Present Bylaw:

B. Annual dues are due and payable in three equal installments on the first day of February, April and June in each year and are in arrears if not paid within thirty (30) days of said dates.

C. New members shall pay their first installment within thirty (30) days of their notification of election to membership, their second installment within sixty (60) days of election to membership,

and their third and final installment within ninety (90) days of election to membership.

Proposed Revision:

B. Annual dues shall be billed monthly commencing in October, the beginning of the Club's Fiscal Year.

C. New members' annual dues shall be billed monthly by taking the number of months remaining in the Club's Fiscal Year and dividing it into the annual dues for that Fiscal Year.

E. New members elected on or after August 1 shall have one half of their dues waived for the remainder of the Fiscal Year.

Section 3.05 Service Minimum Charges

Present Bylaw:

A. All members shall have an annual minimum charge of two hundred dollars (\$200) per fiscal year, allocated to food purchases only. Any member joining on or after September 1st will have the minimum charge waived for the balance of the fiscal year.

B. Junior, Non-Resident, and Honorary members shall have no minimum charge.

C. Any member who has not spent the minimum charge in food purchases shall be charged the difference between the minimum and the amount actually spent. The difference must be paid within thirty (30) days of invoice date and is in arrears if not paid within such thirty days.

Proposed Revision:

A. Junior, Non-Resident, and Honorary members shall have no minimum charge.

B. All Regular and Social members, except as noted in paragraph C of this section shall have an annual minimum charge of \$275 per Fiscal Year, allocated to both bar and food purchases. Any member joining after August 1 shall have the minimum charge reduced to \$150; any member joining after September 1 shall have the minimum charge waived for the balance of the Fiscal Year.

C. Social members between the ages of 22 through 34, inclusive, shall have a minimum charge of \$150, allocated to both bar and food purchases.

D. Any member who has not spent the minimum charge shall be charged the difference between the minimum and the amount actually spent. The difference must be paid within thirty (30) days of invoice date and is in arrears if not paid within said thirty days.

Louise Cadwalade to Receive 2005 Women Who Mean Business Award

YYC Club member Louise Cadwalader has been chosen as a recipient of the 2005 Women Who Mean Business Award. She and 24 other women from the Buffalo Niagara community will be honored at the 2005 Women Who Mean Business event on Thursday, October 6 at the Buffalo Convention Center from 3-6 pm. If you would like to support Louise at this event, tickets are \$35 and can be ordered by contacting Carol Gambino at 716-854-5822 or at cgambino@bizjournals.com. Reservations may also be made online at <http://buffalo.bizjournals.com/buffalo/event/1709>. Congratulations, Louise!

Scuttlebutt from page 3

Chelsea Simon, daughter of YYC members John and Lori, has made the sailing team at College of Charleston. Chelsea, who is enrolled in the honors program at C of C, credits all of the time spent in YYC's 420s during junior sailing with allowing her to make this competitive squad.

Nick Doyle is the varsity goaltender for the Kenmore West soccer team, and he is only a sophomore.

Morgan Paxhia will be sailing in the J/24 NAs next week with the crew who just won the J/24 Worlds. He is excited to be gaining experience with these guys. Tommy Lewin has been the racing team coach at YYC Junior Sailing the past two years. Judging by the fine performance of the kids, he has done a good job. Justin Hays is the instructor bringing the advanced team along right behind them. These are the kids who will move up to the racing team of the future.

Adam Burns is a fellow in high demand. He will be sailing in a number of upcoming events, including the J/22 Lake George regatta, the J/22 Rochester regatta, and the Richardson Cup in Detroit, representing LYRA. Not bad for someone who just got married in August, he apparently picked the right girl!

New members Mark and Lisa Shapiro joined YYC this year after crewing for a number of us in various races. They bought a J/22 so they could compete in our YYC fleet, but unfortunately Mark underwent back surgery and that put an end to sailing the J/22. They put a crew together to sail Don Finkle's Beneteau 36.7 Seaweed in the Fall Series and ending up winning it. Mark competed in college at Michigan State so he "knows the ropes", and Lisa is learning fast.

YYC Board Candidates *(in alphabetical order)*

PAUL CANNON: Paul and his wife, Kim, have been members since 1980 and reside in Youngstown with their three daughters, Claire, Libby and Grace. Growing up at YYC, he participated as both student and instructor in the Jr. Sailing Program and has supported and raced in many of the YYC one-design fleets including Lasers, Albacores, Solings and J/22s. Paul has participated in various Level Regatta committees over the years and served on the YYC Board in 1994-95. As one of the founding members of the J/22 fleet, Paul served as fleet captain, and chair of the J/22 North American Championship hosted by YYC in 1995. In 2002, they traded the J/22 for a C&C 33, Chariot, and actively cruise (and sometimes race) Lake Ontario. Daughters Claire & Libby now participate in the Jr. Sailing program. Paul is a principal with Cannon Design on Grand Island and currently serves on the boards of the Buffalo Niagara Partnership and Stella Niagara Education Park. He has served as Membership Chair for the past two years at YYC and served on the Bylaw Review Committee.

DON FINKLE: Don joined YYC in 1969. He and his wife Heather live in Youngstown and actively sail and race their Beneteau 36.7 Seaweed and the J/100 Tabasco. Their three sons Travis, Tyler and Tim are graduates of YYC's Junior Sailing Program and each served as an instructor. During the past two years, Don has served as Publicity Chair and is also a member of the Bylaw Review Committee. Don has served five prior terms as a Director, including one term as VC Fleet. YYC committee positions he has held, either as a member or chairman, include Membership, Junior Sailing, Fleet, Nominating, Long Range Planning, Publicity, and Bylaw Review. Probably best known as the founder of the YYC Level Regatta, Don has participated in the management of many sailing events at YYC over the years. His primary interest at YYC is in all things that have to do with sailing. He is co-owner of RCR Yachts with Bob Reese.

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YYC Board Candidates *(continued from previous page)*

DOUGLAS LEE: Doug lives in Youngstown with Linda, his wife of 35 years. A graduate of Alfred University and University of California, Berkeley, he has three grown daughters, Meghan, Katie, and Joanna. He has worked for ESM II Inc. for the past twenty-five years. ESM is a small company and he has done a variety of tasks over the years in Technical Sales and Product Development. A member since 1992, Doug has always enjoyed his association with the Youngstown Yacht Club but has been unable to be more active due to family and work constraints. His present restoration project for Spirit, his 1978 Hans Christian Cutter, still leaves limited time for other activities, but he feels he can make a valuable contribution to the Club and welcomes the opportunity to serve on the Board.

BRUCE MATTHEWS: Bruce and his wife Carol reside in Youngstown with their three daughters, Leah, Hannah and Madeline. They enjoy sailing their Freedom 25 *Blue Sky* when they can. Bruce is currently working in a second career as a technology teacher for the Royalton/Hartland school district in Middleport, NY. He is also pursuing his Master's Degree at Niagara University. Prior to teaching, he was employed by RCR Yachts at YYC for 17 years as the Yard Manager. Currently, Bruce is involved with the Junior Sailing Committee, Dinghy Fleet, and races on the 1D35 *Plowhorse* at the Grand Prix Level. Bruce notes an increase in activity of young people at the Club whom he feels are members and (hopefully) someday boat owners. During the summer, he oversees the Junior Sailing Program as Head Instructor, working to preserve its continued success. He hopes to keep this trend moving and knows he can count on his past experiences working on the waterfront to benefit YYC. He welcomes the chance to serve the membership of our Club.

RICHARD ROACH: Richard and his wife, Beverly, joined YYC in 1972. He raced his own boat for several years, he currently enjoys crewing on other boats. Dick and Bev enjoy cruising and have done so on Lake Ontario and in the Caribbean. Both their son and daughter learned to sail at YYC Junior Sailing and are accomplished sailors today. He strongly supports YYC's racing programs and would encourage more people to participate, particularly in fun races like the Secretary's Race and the Cock of the Walk. If elect-

ed, Dick would encourage more members to get involved in cruising and would like to see a program that would include pairing experienced cruisers sailing their boats in the company of less experienced sailors to help the latter gain confidence. Dick heartily supports the YYC Junior Sailing program and feels it is a great asset which should be encouraged and perpetuated. In the 33 years he has been a member of YYC, he has helped in many areas as diverse as helping start an adult sailing program back in the '70s to helping with docking at the Levels and LYRA this year. Dick is a semi retired financial planner from the Fitch Group of Merrill Lynch and lives in Youngstown.

TOM TOMASZEWSKI: Tom has been a member of the Youngstown Yacht Club since 1990. He has been the Club's Treasurer for the last two years. Tom has also worked at the Level Regatta in various positions, including the Banking Committee, Docking Committee and Protest Committee. He and his wife, Susan, cruise on their sailboat Extra Stock, a Catalina 27. He also enjoys racing with fellow member Jan Steyn on Trpxprs. Tom and Susan reside in Buffalo with their two Siamese cats. Tom is a CPA and works at M&T Bank in the Commercial Credit Department.

THOMAS WALDER: Tom and his wife, Gail, have been members of the Youngstown Yacht Club since 1992. Since joining, Tom has been an active participant as a crewmember in the Wednesday night racing series. He has participated in a number of Level Regattas and works every year as a volunteer member of the Docking Committee. Tom was extremely involved in the major renovations that were made to the Clubhouse several years ago, and is very handy around the Clubhouse making necessary repairs. Gail and Tom frequently host guests on their Ericson 29, Redwing, for the Hospice Cruise and previously for the Up the Lazy River Cruise. They enjoy day sailing and cruising on Lake Ontario and are regular participants on the Critter/Summer Solstice Cruise. Tom currently works as an engineer at Praxair but will be retiring the end of this year and will have the necessary free time to devote to the activities of the Board of Directors in the successful operation of the Club.

Events Calendar

- Sat. Oct. 15 Yard Party (see pg. 5)
- Sat, Oct 22 Fleet Awards Banquet
- Mon. Oct. 25 "A Moving Experience" (see pg .3)
- Fri. Oct 28 Annual Membership Meeting, Club Elections (see pg. 1)**
- We. Nov. 9 I Do. I Do Dinner Theatre (see pg. 3)
- Sat, Dec 3 Wassail Bowl Holiday Party
- Sat, Dec 31 New Year's Eve Party

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- Nov. 2 Rules, and using rules to sail smart
- Nov. 9 Cruising
- Dec. 7 Navigation, Part 1
- Dec. 14 Navigation, Part II
- Jan. 4 Genoa Trim, Crew Work
- Feb. 1 Mainsail Trim, Crew Work
- Mar. 1 Startaing, Strategy, Tactics, How to Make the Boat Go Fast
- Mar. 8 Cruising
- Apr. 5 Spinnaker Trim
- Apr. 12 Cruising



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Cruisers welcome! There is always talk of racing at our Club, and with good reason because we have such an active program. But there are actually more sailors here whose interests lie not in racing but in cruising or day sailing. RCR has a very extensive line up of cruising boats available in a wide variety of sizes and price ranges. We offer both new and used, sail and power. Contact us with your thoughts and needs and we'll go to work for you!