



# Ripples

September 2005



## From The Bridge Deck

The Youngstown Yacht Club shined brightly once again in July and August with the success of the Level, LYRA and Hospice regattas. All three events were exceptional due to the hard work of hundreds of volunteers. The Club is indebted to everyone that chaired

and worked on the many committees and to those of you who contributed in many other ways such as providing financial support, housing for race committee, or making your mooring available. When visiting other clubs around the lake and the country I frequently hear about the great reputation YYC has for the Level Regatta, our accomplished sailors and our hospitality. This makes me very proud to be a member of YYC.

There are far too many people to thank for their efforts for these regattas. PC Stan Pasek once again brought together a great team that worked tremendously hard on the Level Regatta. It is truly amazing that a group of volunteers can produce such a remarkable show. Within hours of the end of the Level, PC's Rick Lohr and Pat Whelan took the helm and converted the grounds from the craziness of the Level to the coziness of the LYRA Regatta. Their team deserves the gratitude of all our members for organizing such a successful event that was enjoyed by all. Two weeks later the format changed once again for the Hospice Charity Regatta. Again, on behalf of the membership, I would to thank the organizers and their volunteers for their efforts.

I hope many of you were able to attend some of the LYRA evenings. The parties were reminiscent of the old Level regattas with the bands playing under the awning and everyone dancing on the dock. The street hockey and other activities were a blast. One thing that stood out for me was the food themes that were served each night. Clare, Maura, Kevin and the rest of the Le Metro team served fantastic meals all weekend. I have never experienced food of this quality at any regatta anywhere.

Another strength of YYC is our Junior Sailing program. It has produced many talented sailors over the years. That tradition continued this summer with outstanding individual and team performances. I'd like to congratulate Jason Carminati for his exceptional achievements. Jason and crew Chelsea Simon finished first in the Bemus quarterfinals and first at the Junior Olympics in Cleveland and he and crew Emily Agello placed second at the CORK regatta in Kingston, Ontario. The competition at all of these events was very tough. At just fifteen years old, I expect we will see more sailing accomplishments from Jason in the future.

It may be September but there is plenty of good weather and great sailing to come.

## Cruising Banquet Saturday, October 1

The first YYC Cruising Banquet will be held Saturday, October 1 starting at 6:30 pm at the Club. Everyone is welcome: boat owners, non-sailors, social members, and guests. Come swap yarns about your summer adventures and listen to many tall tales, all over a sumptuous meal and in the company of friends and mates.

A special fall menu is being planned offering a choice of entrees complemented with a salad, dessert, and coffee or tea for \$25 per person ( tax and gratuity not included). There is limited seating, so make make your reservation by Friday, September 23. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept late reservations or walk-ins. Call 745-7230 x18 for reservations.


**Appetizer Contest.** To "cast off" the Banquet in a sumptuous mode, the event features a contest for our YYC galley gourmets. Prepare and bring your favorite shipboard appetizer/hors d'oeuvres/canapé/munchies, and a copy of your recipe. The only requirement is that your sailing savory can be conveniently prepared on board or it travels well from kitchen to galley and stores easily on your boat until needed. Guests will sample the appetizers and vote for the most original, easiest to prepare, and most yummy. The winning recipes will be featured in *Ripples*, and perhaps a YYC party-time cookbook will result!

### Nominations for Cruising Awards

The banquet will feature a number of fun awards for our courageous cruisers. Please send in your nominations for the following awards:

- *Most Intrepid Sailor.* (Do you single-hand your boat, have you sailed to unfamiliar places, discovered a new gunk hole?)
- *Pathfinder* (Nominate someone who has introduced you and/or others to great sailing destinations.)
- *Kodak Moment* (email your favorite photo(s) to [Libertat37@verizon.net](mailto:Libertat37@verizon.net)).
- *Tallest Tale* (over dinner we will read the tales submitted.)

See *Cruising Banquet* on pg. 7



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### Cock of the Walk Race Set for Sunday at Noon

The Club's annual Cock of the Walk race is scheduled for this Sunday. The festivities start at noon and the race at 1 pm. This is a fun event that each year brings together boats of every size and shape, and crews of every variety. Social members and non-sailors are encouraged to attend and help launch the event with the traditional servings of Bloody Marys and Salty Dogs. Good humor and sporting competition is the rule. The weather promises to be great this weekend so don't miss an opportunity to burnish your tan for the months ahead.

### Club Closed on Tuesdays Starting September 13

The Club is now closed Tuesdays for the remainder of the season. After Wednesday, September 21, the Club bar and dining room will be 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 445-2846. Clare

### Club Yearbook

The Club's Yearbook 2005 is going fast. Copies were mailed to non-resident members last month. Others have been picking up their copy at the Club. If you would like an additional copy of the Yearbook (one for the boat, one for home, one for the office...you can't have too many copies :=), they are available from Josie for the nominal price of \$5.

### Food Minimums

Don't forget that September 30 is the last day for spending your annual \$200 food minimum. The minimum applies to food only, and not to your liquor bill. The unspent minimum is shown on your monthly statement. If you snooze, you loose: come October 1 (start of the Club's fiscal year) unspent minimums are billed to your account. For information about your account contact Josie at (716) 745-7230, Ext. 10.



Tim Beatty competed in the Transpac race recently on his 50-plus-foot long *Stealth Chicken*. His mother Gerry Anne said he had a ball and wants to do it again. This race goes from Southern California to Hawaii, lasts over 10 days and takes place every two years.

Speaking of Beattys, the Jack Beatty Memorial Hospice Regatta Friday night cruise and party was a huge success, raising a substantial amount for Hospice. Sadly the Saturday regatta itself was poorly attended, but those who did show up were treated to first-rate race committee work by Paul Hays and his helpers. *Seaweed* ended up first, *Joyce's Nemesis* second and *Night Owl* third. Gerry Anne had some wonderful trophies made and for the modest entry fee this is one heck of a fine event. We are looking at changes we might make to the format to encourage a better turnout for 2006.

Morgan Paxhia, one of YYC's finest ex-Junior Sailors, is now working full-time for Waterline Systems and US Watercraft. Morgan had a fine sailing career at URI and is now assisting USW owner and boat-builder Randy Borges with the promotion of J/22s, J/24s and service work. Randy is also an ex-YYC Junior Sailor, and a multiple World Champion.

New member Gui Alvarez has recently taken delivery of his new Beneteau 343, *Forever Young*, which can be seen from the YYC dock. Gui has been racing actively on various Beneteau 36.7s in the fleet while anxiously waiting for his new boat to arrive. It is beautiful and he says it was worth the wait. When you see him, ask for a tour.

It has been a big year for weddings as far as YYC families go. Travis Mastroianni married Erin, followed by Adam Burns marrying Lori, and soon Eric McGuire will marry Noelle, and we can't forget that Paul Hays and Linda are planning to tie the knot in September. Mark and Jackie Bain also have a wedding coming up shortly as one of their two sons is getting married.

The YYC-NOLSC Beneteau 36.7 fleet has been a big success this season, with seven boats racing most of the time in local events and regattas. Two of the boats recently changed hands, but fortunately they both stayed at YYC. *Overtime* now belongs to the Fromen family, and the *Stessings* are the new owners of *Still Impetuous*. Watch for name changes on both boats.

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## Ferry Service to Niagara-on-the-Lake Returns to Youngstown

In April you may recall reading that the Rochester Ferry was adding Youngstown as a port of call. That wasn't quite accurate, but on par for an April Fool's issue. But it is true - honest, that on Saturday September 17, a one-day experiment is planned to revive the ferry service between Youngstown and Niagara-on-the-Lake.

In a televised announcement on the Club's docks, Canadian and Niagara County officials revealed that Whirlpool Jet Boat Tours will offer a ferry service every half-hour from 11am to 5pm. Adults (\$5) and children (\$2) can make the half mile voyage from the Village Dock to the Whirlpool Dock at Niagara-on-the-Lake comfortably in a 48-foot jet boat.

In the following article, Don Finkle reminisces about the ferry service that existed during his youth - "a million years ago." Ed.

When I was a kid growing up in Youngstown there was a ferry service that ran between Youngstown and Niagara-on-the-Lake operated by Pierce Marine. They had two white Chris Craft inboard cabin cruisers dedicated to this service, named *Super* (green trim), and the 10-passenger *Linda Lee* (blue trim). There were also full-time customs agents on duty on both sides of the river, housed in little, white, one-room buildings. It was easy to check in and out of either country.

On the Canadian side there was a light on a pole, and when it was lit that meant that someone over there wanted a ride. The customs house at Niagara-on-the-Lake was located where the jet boat dock is today, and our customs house was on the Village Dock just south of the YYC clubhouse. We would take our bikes over on the ferry (for a modest 25 or 50 cent premium) and shop for firecrackers, which at that time were easy to obtain. We also liked the English candy bars they sold better than our own. There was a nice sandy beach with a small snack bar where we would land our Tech Dinghy: great for swimming and for picking up more fireworks. Called Lion's Beach at that time, it is still there, but the swimming and snack bar are gone.


Canadian friends came here because their stores were closed on Sundays, and because their bars closed earlier than ours. Also, at that time the drinking age here was lower than in Canada. How times have changed!

What brought on this reminiscing is the announcement that the ferry service is about to be brought back into existence. At present there are more questions than answers, and an operator has yet to be chosen, but this would be a wonderful thing for everyone. Don Finkle




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## Board Reports

### Harbormaster

Just a few common sense reminders for the month of September:

- Check the condition of your Mooring Pennant. It's been in use all season and fall usually provides a few strong storms that could result in failure to a worn line. If in doubt, double up and contact RCR immediately.
- Launch hours during the week will be shorter after Labor Day. Be sure to double check the hours posted at the launch shed.
- Boat yards frequently slow down this month. Check with Bruce if you have been putting off a service call.

I look forward to enjoying the balance of what has been a fantastic summer. Hope to see you on the water. Mark Kirby, Harbormaster.

### Fleet

Club Cruises: the Solstice Cruise chaired by Pat Mackey and the West End Cruise co-chaired by PC Howard Noonan and Dick Roach were a great success. Thanks to Pat, Howard, and Dick for putting together our cruises.

The Level and LYRA Regattas are now part of YYC history. Everyone can be proud of the quality of these events. I couldn't begin to list all the volunteers here, but a big thanks goes out to each and every one.

The Jack Beatty Memorial Hospice Regatta was again a great success with the Club a busy place for the Friday cruise and party. Many members donated their time and boats for the Friday cruise. I don't have the list of names to include here, but a big thanks is in order. The regatta was lightly attended. I hope this was a result of too much Level and LYRA. We need to work and get more boats out next year. Team Don Finkle won the regatta in his Beneteau First 36.7 *Seaweed*. Many thanks to Paul Hays and team for Race Committee and Ron Ciamaga for coordinating. Gerry Anne Beatty and Jack's family continue to be the sparkplugs that keep this event going strong.

Mark your calendars for the Cock of the Walk race on September 11. This is another event that is more social than race in the same tradition as the Secretary's Race. It's a great way to get out on your boat with friends and family. Boat ratings will be appropriately assigned and skewed. The festivities begin at noon with a one-ish race start. Vic Snyder, VC Fleet.

### Yard

Thanks to DJ and Amy Reynolds for ordering and assembling the new "kids" sandbox. All those with little ones please be sure to check it out just outside the Clubhouse door. It is shaped like the *Blue Moon*.

I know there are hundreds of volunteers who put in plenty of work for the Level Regatta – one crew that stands out is engineering. This group brings all the stuff; snow fence, poles, signs, garbage cans, then installs it all on Thursday and Friday – there is a ton of stuff to put together! Then without blinking they take it all away on Monday – AFTER hauling beer laden garbage bags full to the dumpsters! This is a job few people would do. Doug Clarke, and his crew of faithfuls, PC Larry White, previously the lead man, Vic Snyder, all the electrical, PC Norm Stessing – who knows where every tent and table goes along with a very dedicated crew deserve a huge thanks. I hope they know they are appreciated!

The yard had a lot of projects this year and I would like to once again say thank you to everyone who helped! MaryAlice Eckert, VC Yard.

### Secretary

Conversion of our antiquated computer system's hardware and software, and the upgrade to the newest version of our point-of-sale and accounting software is now completed. This was a lengthy project started over a year ago and finally completed this summer when the ACEs point-of-sale software for Windows became available.

You may have noticed the new flat-screen monitor and Dell computer in the bar and at server stations. You would not have noticed the new Dell Windows 2003 server or the Dell workstations in the Club Office. Hopefully you noticed that we no longer are experiencing the frequent system crashes that previously plagued us.

The tedious and laborious work of converting data and inputting all the detailed information necessary to make the system operational was done by Josie - all during our busy summer months.

During the Level and LYRA regattas, we also reinstalled a wireless connection to the Grist Mill that enabled the computers used to register participants and track race results to connect to the Internet.

Ray Volpe, Club Secretary.

**Awsome, Simply Awsome**

When cruising open waters we are always fascinated by the changing weather patterns encountered. Sometimes slowly evolving, and too often taking us by surprise, the elements combine in a symphony of color, shapes, thunderous sounds, texture that you can feel on your cheeks, and swirling airs that can steal your breath away. This is breathtaking phenomena that only Mother Nature can produce, using the familiar elements surrounding us to produce dazzling displays that Hollywood can only envy.

The pictures on this page and hundreds more were contributed to the web site [www.weatherbug.com](http://www.weatherbug.com) by the photographers credited. Aren't they awesome? Ray and Judy Volpe



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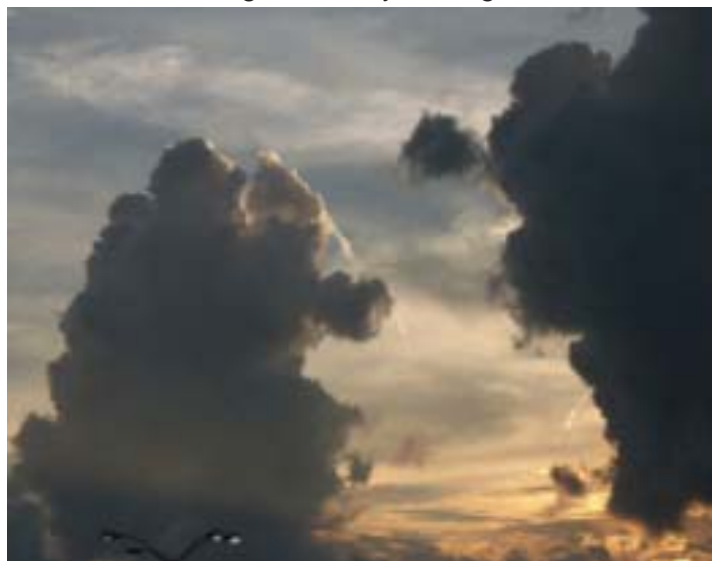
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The Thursday night J/22 program is a ton of fun and more of you ought to take part in it. Paul Hays is the Race Officer, with assists from Heather Finkle, Tara Young, Tim Booth, Sue Brade, and Don Finkle. The ace committee boat always has room for more, and often there is a J/22 that needs crew. I decided that it would do me good to go out in this fleet and get my butt kicked for awhile, and it has been well worth it. The races are short so that everyone stays close together, and the sailors are a fun bunch. Chris Doyle is the organizer and Will Harris and Vic Snyder help out a lot, too. Come on down and see what this is all about.

There was considerable concern this year about the restaurant and bar operation due to the change in management, but our own personal experience has only been positive. The bar and wait staff have been courteous, friendly and efficient. The food has been excellent and Kevin the cook is a gem. Clare has it all running smoothly and we have found her to be most accommodating. For example, on very short notice (the day before) I asked her if she could provide for a small commissioning party of 30 on the dock. She and her staff put on a super spread of hors d'oeuvres and we had our own bar waitress. The food and service was first-rate. This is what these folks can do and we encourage any of you who have a business or family function planned to give them a try. It is good for the Club and what better place to hold it?

## YYC Junior Sailing Banquet September 17: Order Your Hoodies & Visors Now

Be proud of your club. Show all your friends at school what you did last summer! Call Dian Lewin at 634-9803 to reserve a hoodie or visor for the banquet. Our goal is to see every junior sailor with a visor at the Awards Banquet. Hoodies (\$30) and Visors (\$15) can be purchased / picked up at the banquet. Cash and checks payable to Dian Lewin will be accepted. Dian Lewin

## Sailing Events

|               |                                 |
|---------------|---------------------------------|
| Sept 15-18    | Toronto In-Water Boat Show      |
| Sept 23-25    | Norwalk Intl In-Water Boat Show |
| Sept 29-Oct 2 | Boston In-Water Boat Show       |
| Sept 29-Oct 2 | NY-NJ International Boat Show   |
| Oct 6-10      | US Sailboat Show, Annapolis     |
| Oct 13-16     | US Powerboat Show, Annapolis    |
| Oct 27-31     | Ft. Lauderdale Boat Show        |
| Nov 3-6       | Strictly Sail, St. Petersburg   |
| Dec 31-Jan 8  | NY National Boat Show           |

## Cruising Banquet

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- *Most Groundings* (How much lead was left behind?)
- *Emeril Eat-Your-Heart-Out Gourmet*
- *Cavalry to the Rescue* (Someone who came to your rescue.)
- *Longest sail* (Point-to-point in a single day.)
- *Most Ports Visited* (The past sailing season - when and where.)
- *Favorite Port or Anchorage* (Lake Ontario and 1,000 Islands)
- *Favorite Yacht Club to Visit*
- *Favorite Restaurant* (in another port)

Send your nominations to Judy Volpe at [adamsj@buffalo.edu](mailto:adamsj@buffalo.edu), or call 688-5859 by September 23. Judy also welcomes additional award ideas.

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**Events Calendar**

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| Sun. Sept 11   | Cock of the Walk Race                        |
| Sat, Sept 17   | Junior Sailing Banquet                       |
| Sat. Oct 1     | Cruising Banquet                             |
| Sat, Oct 22    | Fleet Awards Banquet                         |
| Friday, Oct 28 | Annual Membership Meeting,<br>Club Elections |
| Sat, Dec 3     | Wassail Bowl Holiday Party                   |
| Sat, Dec 31    | New Year's Eve Party                         |

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**J/100**

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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.