



The Rudder

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Port Hope Yacht Club

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Iceberg in Port Hope Harbour!

In an event that only occurs about every one hundred years, Port Hope Harbour was clogged with a giant iceberg in early March. The mammoth ice obscured the view of the lights at the end of the pier, as shown in this photo shot by your editor at sunset on March 7th. Our investigation into this phenomenon revealed that icebergs of a similar size ground to a halt just outside Port Hope harbour in 1911, as you can see in this postcard that we managed to dig up from the Port Hope Archives. Undeterred by such obstacles, about a dozen fisher people were spotted climbing over the ice using cleats attached to their boots, rods in hand. By the end of March, the iceberg had melted.

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Schedule of Events

April 5th, 7pm - Racing Rules and Regulations - discussion to provide information for those new to racing or those interested in trying it out, and for those who would like to be sure we are all on the same page in the book. Also, a chance to share ideas about rigging the boat for racing, etc.

April 12th, 7pm - Port Hope Fire Department - discussion to include home and boating fire safety issues plus any other related information

April 19th, 7pm - Ladies Night - Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Sailing but Were Afraid to Ask a Man - An informal evening for the ladies to discuss anything from "What do you call that thingy?" to "What should I do if ...?". If you would like to forward specific questions ahead, email Jan at: onelife2live@sympatico.ca

April 20th, 6.30pm - we are proposing an evening of fine food and gambling at Kawartha Downs. Buffet Dinner with 10 hot dishes including prime rib, salad bar with seafood and delicious dessert table - \$19.95 plus taxes and gratuity (includes a race program). Drinks extra (beer \$4.25 - mixed drinks \$4.50). Race and dinner seating is in the climate controlled grand stand. Races start at 7pm. Dinner begins at 6:30. Please let Jan know by April 12th if you would like to attend.

Friday, April 28th, 7pm - Annual Spring Meeting

May 13th - Launch Day

May 17th - Tune up Races

May 24th - Tune up Races

June 11th - Spring Single Handed Race

June 17th - Centennial Cup CYC to PHYC

June 24th/25th - Tubby Graham Cruise/Race to Newcastle

July 16th - Ken Bates Memorial Single Handed/Ladies Skipper - July 16th

August 5/6/7 - Brockport Weekend (Hosted By BPYC)

Events are in the planning stages for Victoria Day weekend and Father's Day weekend. Details in the next Rudder.

Wanda Gill's father, Ed Gowdy has passed away. Our thoughts are with Dan and Wanda. Their current address is:

27 Willowpoint Rd., Brighton ON K0K 1H0.

From the Helm

Happy Spring to all!

Although we were teased with a record warm winter, that darned cold north wind has been blowing for what seems like weeks on end! Perhaps it is just my longing for those warm Spring days so that I can get at the much needed chores on Pythagoras, that like the watched pot that never boils, making me as impatient as a hungry child. (Did I mix enough metaphors?).

Certainly what has helped Donna and I get by this winter has been the social events at the clubhouse. Although we weren't able to attend Casino Night, we understand that some new gamblers were born, ready for Vegas so they say. The crowds at the Valentine's Affair and the St. Patty's Blow-out (AKA Roger O'Godin's 70th) enjoyed some fabulous food and great company. By the way, if you see Franz Kreuz next month, wish him a happy octogenarian celebration! I wasn't able to get the exact date from him. He's not moving so fast these days but he's welcome to sail with me anytime. 80 is not so old and he sure doesn't look or act like it! He and Ruth attend almost all club activities no matter the weather! Elsewhere in this issue of "The Rudder", you will find a list of upcoming events put on by Jan and Glyn. April 5th - Racing Rules & Regulations (very informal & informative, covering basic rules of the road and rights of way, great to know even if you're not a racer), April 12th - Port Hope Fire Department (discussion to include home and boating fire safety), April 19th - Ladies Sailing night (Jan calls this "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Sailing but Were Afraid to Ask a Man"), April 20th - PHYC at Kawartha Downs (there's that gambling thing again!). This Club is happening folks!



Keep an eye on our website as improvements and additions are being made. The Duty Roster for 2006 will soon be added as well as "hard copies" will be mailed to you as soon as they are available so that you can put them on your fridge. New links to other clubs around the lake have been added. Got something nautical to sell? There's a page for that too. We even have our own email address link now marked "General Enquires" which goes to info@porthopeyachtclub.com. Many thanks to Danny Lee who developed this site a few years ago and Stephen Rhines who is maintaining it now for us.

Please mark your calendars for the Spring General Meeting on April 28, 7 p.m. at the clubhouse. Your voice is important. Whether you are voting or nonvoting your opinions, your advice and your expertise is vital to our club, yours and mine. Budgets will be set, committees struck and plans for our future will be discussed.

On a more sombre note, I was privileged to attend the funeral of our friend from Brockport Yacht Club, George Brower. His widow, Muriel was most appreciative of the flowers and cards she had received from PHYC and members. George loved PHYC as much as he loved BYC. Pictures at the service were full of his memories of Port Hope and of the many friendships he and Muriel had made. We also marked the passing of the father/father-in-law of former members and Past Commodores both Wanda and Danny Gill. We said goodbye to Wanda's dad, Ed Gowdy at a memorial service on March 11. The service was attended by members, Ruby Evans Shaw, Glynnis Tomkinson, Dieter and Sherne Hrnrcr and myself as well as past member Ed Pursey.

Until I see you next...

Yours in Sailing,

Bob McCaw

Commodore, 2006

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Social Activities (Photos Courtesy of Bob McCaw)



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Stephen and Daughter Jasmin



Rob Grodin



Ron, Franz and Ruth