



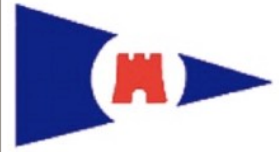
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**SAIL WEEKEND**  
SEPTEMBER  
11 & 12



**ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING 2021**  
OCTOBER  
23RD

# THE MASTHEAD

A NEWSLETTER TAILORED TO THE FRIENDS OF NEWCASTLE YACHT CLUB

Club Dates  
September

Thu Sep 2, 17:30hrs  
Thursday Team Race #11

Tue Sep 7, 17:30hrs  
Single Handed Race #12

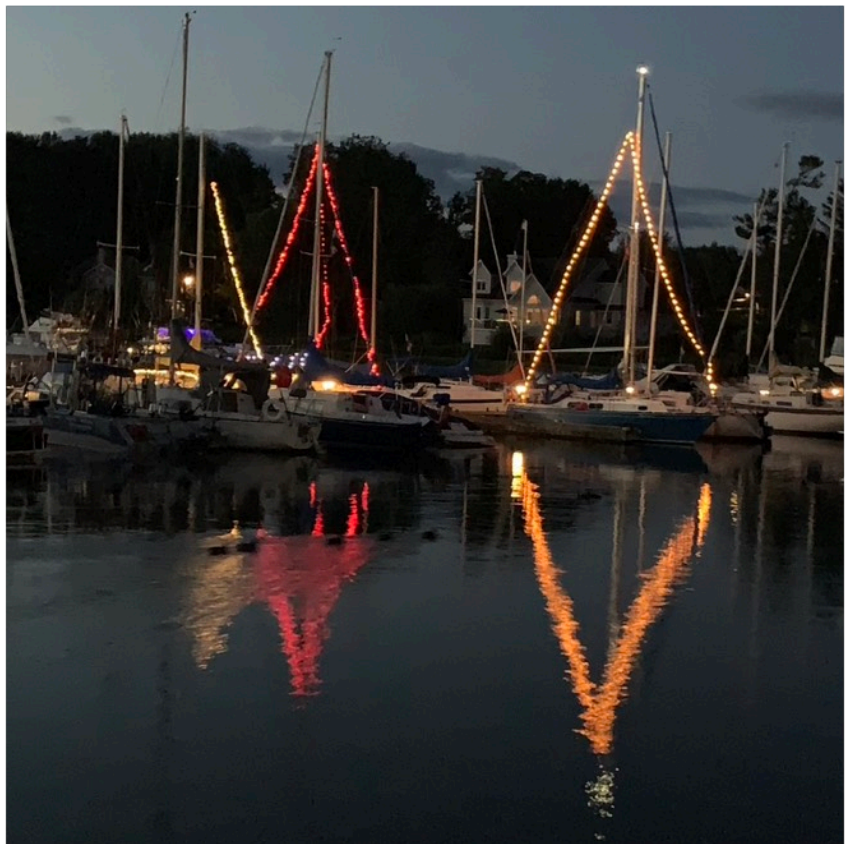
Thu Sep 9, 17:30hrs  
Thursday Team Race #12



[See the port's page  
www.ponmarina.com  
for marina](http://www.ponmarina.com)

## 45th Anniversary Celebration

Karl Loenhart - Commodore



There was a great group of members out for the celebration of our club's 45th Anniversary. Dave Thompson kicked things off when his Ciabatta Pizzas appeared on three dock a little after five.

Club Dates  
September  
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Fri Sep 10, Time TBD  
Potential  
Poker Run?

Sat Sep 11, 08:00hrs  
The Newcastle Cup  
(Race to Oshawa & Back)

Sun Sep 12, 08:00hrs  
Club Regatta or  
New Worlds Regatta  
(3 Races Round the Cans)

Tue Sep 14, 17:00hrs  
Frostbite Funsy Race #1

Thu Sep 16, 17:00hrs  
Frostbite Funsy Race #2

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It was good to see that Georgia's Sweet 16 - Niagara Falls - Birthday Trip did not keep her nor her Mom from the celebration. Also... Jan was away on the Susan Hood with, Carol Ann. But being away didn't stop Jan from jumping into the spirit of things! Even from the next dock over Jan's forestay filled with decorative flags snapping in the breeze could be appreciated.

Just as it was getting a little too crowded on three dock, Andraz spoke up about it being kind of a going away celebration for the Leading Edge and me (I planned to head out for Cobourg that Saturday morning). He said some kind words and presented me with a lovely bell on behalf of the club. Thanks to all of you that were in on that!



Soon the group began forming that was too large for three dock and we reconvened at the pavilion. It was there that the food and the socializing continued. I personally had a couple helpings of Mary's Chilli! I am pretty sure I saw samosas - didn't I Jeannine?

Later, as the interest in culinary fare waned, some of the members had decorated boats and those became the focus. We moved the show back to three dock where several of the decorated club boats that were at berth became the site of the party.

*"If you live a life of make-believe, your life isn't worth anything until you do something that does challenge your reality. And to me, sailing the open ocean is a real challenge, because it's life or death."*

***Morgan Freeman - Actor and Narrator Extraordinaire***

Club Dates  
September  
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Fri Sep 17, 18:00hrs  
Moonlight Cruise #5  
and Anchor Out in  
Bondhead Bay  
Moonrise 18:20hrs

Tue Sep 21, 17:00hrs  
Frostbite Funsy Race #3

Thu Sep 23, 17:00hrs  
Frostbite Funsy Race #4

Fri Sep 24, 20:00hrs  
Moonlight Cruise #6  
and Anchor Out in  
Bondhead Bay

Sat Sep 25, 17:00hrs  
Dockside Party #3



## Fair Winds Captain Wyles!

Written by Karl Loenhart  
Photograph by Caitlan Madden

By now you may have heard news of Bob’s passing.

Robert Wyles had been missing since August 26th. It was shortly after he sailed out of Bronte Harbour on a boat he had purchased. When I learned that, I sent emails (one each to both the board and to the members). That was Friday August 27th. The e-mails had a link to the tweet from the Halton police, but I guess many people did not follow the links or look into it any further. I say this because many people have told me that they did not know it was Bob. I suppose I should have written some words of my own in those emails. But I was kind of at a loss for them. It got no better yesterday afternoon, on August 30th, when I learned that Bob’s body had been found near Bronte Harbour.

While I never knew Bob to be a member of the club during my time here, he was always a presence around the docks and on the waters around the Port of Newcastle Marina. On more of a personal level, Bob and I have sailed together, eaten food, imbibed, and conversed on many occasions.

Often there would be times I’d go down to Newcastle for a sail and I’d run into Bob on the docks. He, having been out and back already, would let me know about the weather and lake conditions.

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Club Dates  
September  
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Tue, Wed, Thu  
Sep 28, 29, 30 17:00hrs  
Potential Race Marks  
Retrieval

Tue, Wed, Thu  
Oct 5, 6, 7 17:00hrs  
Potential Race Marks  
Retrieval

Tue, Wed, Thu  
Oct 12, 13, 14 17:00hrs  
Potential Race Marks  
Retrieval

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Bob would also hand over gear and equipment that he no longer needed. Having acquired much of it through his frequent boat changes and his ever present status at the marina. I'd sometimes come down and find that Bob had left a sail, or an anchor road, or something else, in my cockpit for me.

He sailed so much and had had so many boats while I'd known him. He was always looking for the one that would best suit him and his needs. And his needs were changing. I was a bit surprised this year when for a first time ever I offered Bob to come out for a sail one night and he declined citing soar knees. Mine have been hurting me for decades. But that was the first time I'd ever heard Bob complain.

A couple of my sons played Canadian football at the university level. I also have four grandchildren. Bob coached rugby during his teaching career and has four grandchildren of his own. Bob's elder son Matt played rugby league at the international level with Canada's Wolverines. So we had a few conversations about sports and kids.

I remember Bob being quite proud when (earlier this year) his son Matt was named Head Coach of the professional rugby union team the Toronto Wolfpack. Bob's other son Jason is a landscaper in Pickering. I got the impression that he was pretty impressed with Jason's accomplishments too. We Dads can sometimes be that way.

Yes. Family was quite important to Bob. And I think it must have hit him and the boys pretty hard earlier this year when Bob's wife Mary passed away. A tough year for their family indeed. Personally, I wish the boys, their wives, and their kids all well, and I will miss Bob dearly.

***"Rugby football is a game for gentlemen of all classes, but for no bad sportsman of any class"***

***The Barbarian FC motto reportedly written by Walter Carey***

***"I am not afraid of storms for I am learning how to sail my ship."***

***Louisa May Alcott - Novelist & Poet***

***"We are tied to the ocean. And when we go back to the sea, whether it is to sail or to watch - we are going back from whence we came."***

***John F Kennedy - 35th US President***