



**The Royal Hamilton Yacht Club
Celebrating 125 Years on
Hamilton Harbour in 2013**

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RHYC Position

- We are pleased that the city is moving ahead with the Setting Sail Initiative
- We are encouraged and pleased that we will be part of the plan
- The RHYC trusts this agreement between the City and the HPA will not limit our future opportunities.

What RHYC Brings to Hamilton

- Social & boating activities on the Harbour for 125 years
- Only learn-to-sail facility for adults, youth and the physically handicapped with membership not required
- Tourism support - hosting annual local, provincial, national & international sailing events

What is RHYC to Hamilton

- A centre of affordable recreational boating
- A private club with community access
- Affordable alternative to other private clubs in the Greater Hamilton area
- A full-service reciprocal destination for visiting boaters
- Sail Canada Development Centre

Community Involvement

- Hosts annual Easter Seals Regatta
- Host of the 2011 Rotary Mobility Cup
- Twice weekly sailing for physically disabled
- Work with Boys & Girls Club of Hamilton to provide no-charge summer sailing lessons
- Provides venue for Hamilton musicians in an “open to the public” Concert Series every Friday night.

Needs of Hamilton Boaters

- A “full service” Yacht Club offering a competitive market on the Harbour
- New slips and winter storage for YC members only
- The ability to get a total package from one source.

The RHYC needs to grow.

- There are waiting lists for winter storage at MBYC and BS&BC as well as the RHYC.
- The City allows MBYC winter storage
- The Port Authority allows BS&BC winter storage
- RHYC can only grow if they have similar resources available for both summer and winter storage.

What the RHYC is looking for

Guaranteed revenue streams from:

- Annual slip rental – 100 slips to start
- Option to increase, over time, for YC members
- Enough space for club administered winter storage equal to 80% of summer slips
- i.e. 100 summer slips, would require winter storage for up to 80 YC members only.

What Financial Stability Brings

- Would allow the RHYC to raise the Capitol to build new slips at no cost to the City
- Improved club facilities that reflect the West Harbour's master plan as a destination for Hamiltonians and visitors
- Continued growth as a centre of excellence for boating and sail-training

Future Considerations

- RHYC desires to continue to partner with the City in the development of the West Harbour Recreational Master Plan
- We have done a lot of work with Mohawk College. We look forward to move ahead with some of the Mohawk renovation plans done for us by the Students of the Architecture and Planning department in regards to our club house and sailing school.

Conclusion

- We applaud the City for moving ahead with plans for the waterfront.
- We hope the City will allow our club to look for additional income streams to continue on in our support of the Harbour and its many programs that support the City.
- We look forward to obtaining a long term lease that allows us to grow

Thank You

- The RHYC thanks you for listening to me today
- We thank the City for its continued support of the Yacht Club
- We look forward to the future and being part of the redevelopment of our wonderful Harbour