



The 2018 Toronto Area Hospice Regatta team is thrilled to announce that this year we raised \$48,250, bringing our two-year total donation directly to the Ian Anderson House Hospice to a whopping \$100,900! It was the intent to start out small in our first year at the Port Credit Yacht Club but the enthusiasm over the event took on a life of its own and last year the \$57,650 we raised was **the largest amount ever received from a third party fundraising event!**

One of the major reasons the regatta has been such a success these past two years is the fantastic support we've received from local businesses, many of which are owned by PCYC club members. All who stepped up did so without being asked directly and for that we would like to publicly thank them.

First of all to our largest corporate sponsor, **Jetport**, thank you for both the \$5,000 donated directly to the hospice and the additional \$5000 to offset some regatta costs. This really took the pressure off! We know that happy people are generous people so it was important to us to host a first rate event and this takes money. Because of donations like this, we were able to afford things like the tent, which turned out to be much needed due to the less-than-stellar weather conditions.

Richard Reid, the man who originally offered us the opportunity to run the TAHR at PCYC and accepted our unorthodox vision for the event was the first person who stepped in with a \$5000 cheque from his company **The Shotgun Fund** (www.shotgunfund.com) last year and continued his support again this year. This amount set the standard for the Gold Sponsorship and several local businesses, looking to be a part of this great cause, followed suit.

Scott Weakley and his company **J&J Display Sales Ltd.** (www.jjdisplaysales.com) was our next Gold sponsor and the one behind setting up our new TAHR website. This was his second year as a Gold sponsor

Grant Hood, a long time club member and huge supporter of sailing at PCYC, also committed his company **Accutel** (www.accutel.com) to a Gold sponsorship again this year. Upon hearing of the event last year, he came to us offering sponsorship without being asked.

The new **Regional VP of RBC Halton Market, Michelle Cisecki**, who took over the position once PCYC member John Lever retired, also reached out to offer their \$5000 donation in support of the event. A colleague of theirs spent her final days at the Ian Anderson House so they understand the need and the quality of care offered at this wonderful hospice.

Have you seen the great video (including drone footage!) of the day's fun? It was far beyond our budget to do however **Josh Pedrosa** of **The 6 Media** (www.the6media.com) stepped up and did the work for next to nothing, making them an in-kind Gold sponsor.

Dave Read, owner of **Rudolph's Bakeries** (www.rudolphsbakeries.com), was the reason we were able to offer such a great meal for a reasonable price. He not only offset the cost of each competitor dinner but gave away over a hundred loaves of his delicious bread to competitors and other club members who happened to be around to see the abundant display.

The Donnelly family, owners of **The Brogue Irish Pub** (www.thebrogueirishpub.ca) in Port Credit are always quick to support worthwhile community causes including many events at PCYC over the years. They worked with their suppliers to get us lots of great swag for the skippers bags and prize table plus the champagne for the race division winners and great items, including a dinner for ten with wine at the Brogue for our silent auction. They also helped cover the cost of the team that made the day's cool video. This year we were approached by **Bill Nixon** of **Turner and Porter** (turnerporter.ca), another company very active in the community heard about the regatta and approached us to be a Silver sponsor. They joined us at check-in with goodie bags of their own and gave a cheque for \$2500 directly to IAH.

Wasn't the dock **Happy Hour** party something else!?! We have a few great sponsors to thank for that!

Tim O'Halloran and his crew from **O's Oyster and Sauce Co** (osoysterandsauceco.com) shucked over 1000 oysters which they donated and were free for competitors at the dock party.

Georgian Bay Spirit Company (georgianbayspiritco.com), local makers of award winning vodka and gin, provided us with over 300 of their gin and vodka SMASH coolers. These delightfully refreshing coolers come in cans so are perfect for the boating community on those hot summer days.

After Happy Hour, there was free **Moosehead** (moosehead.ca) beer up at the club. Moosehead has supported many sailing events at PCYC so please make Moosehead your beer of choice when stocking your boat

If you were one of the lucky overall winners you would have received a jumbo gift basket chock full of assorted gourmet condiments and sauces, compliments of **Chris Bouchard**, president and CEO of **Celtrade Canada Inc** (www.celtrade.ca) This year, two of the winners, Scott Weakley and Kenny Bruce, spontaneously chose to auction off their prize right then and there, resulting in another **\$500 being raised for hospice** thanks to the generosity of John Grainger and Mike Pietz! Celtrade was also the business that provided skippers their choice of sauces to throw in their jam packed skippers bags

PCYC members **Jane and Paul Messenger**, owners of **A1 Heating and Airconditioning** (www.a1airconditioning.ca) always huge supporters of charitable events both at the club and in the community, reached out to us to offer up a Bronze donation directly to IAH

PCYC member **Peter Asfar** spent a great deal of time helping with all of the graphics for posters and banners and connected us with Warren Vesak and Joe Scout, owner and manager respectively of **Club Ink** (www.clubink.ca) who printed all of the banners and stickers for free.

Mike Wolfs (regatta co-chair) of **North Sails** (www.northsails.ca), always a huge supporter of events at PCYC, provided great swag for the skippers' bags as well as several gift baskets for the silent auction.

Luiz Kahl who set the standard for web based race management and scoring with his website www.yachtscoring.com gave us a 75% discount on each registration for this event.

This year we had four power boats registered! Tanya Kahn and Dana McGregor were one of the first to support the regatta by signing up way back in March. Sherry Morel (Nauti Nauti) and Garrett and Maryann Fitzgerald (Miss Fitz) both registered shortly before the event in spite of the forecasted conditions (not power boat friendly!) again, to show their support for this great cause.

A big thank you to all of the **competitors, PCYC members and their guests** who donated so generously. We actually brought in more competitor and member donations this year than last year!

And finally, a huge and heartfelt thank you to our amazing volunteers!

No regatta can be a success without a solid race committee. They often have the hardest job of all. The Principal Race Officer (PRO) for this event was **Patrick Lymburner**. Pat is a highly respected National Race Officer who has run some of the biggest and most important races in Canada and he calls PCYC home. As usual, he put together a crack team, including Anne Sanderson, who ran the one design circle.

To both the race committee and all of the other hard working on-shore volunteers (lead by Erica Seibert) at PCYC, not enough can be said for all you do. Many of you put in countless hours of work and volunteer for several events all season long. It is because of you that we keep alive the club's mission statement: ***“...dedicated to member enjoyment through excellence in yachting....and social activities”***