

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Mayor's Cup 2011 can easily be compared to the shifting winds of sailing. Nine months of planning, all things on pace, then came the unprecedented flooding of Lake Champlain that sent the entire region - including our festival - adrift. After many weeks of wear and tear on the soul of our community, it was more important than ever to find a reason to say, "Good-bye, flood waters...Hello, summer!" Call it good timing or good luck, with Mayor's Cup weekend came dryer weather, and, like colorful spinnakers, brighter spirits and a reason to celebrate.

We would like to express our gratitude to the hard working members of the Mayor's Cup organizing committee, City of Plattsburgh employees, community volunteers, Sunrise Rotary, Center for the Arts, and SUNY Alumni Association. You helped bring the people of New York, Vermont, and Quebec, together for a 4-day waterfront celebration of music, fireworks, sailing, boat parade, BBQ, biking, kayaking, basketball, circus, arts, kids activities, and so much more!

Many people may not be aware that the Mayor's Cup Festival is funded through the financial support of local and regional businesses. A special thanks to all of our sponsors and supporters for helping to make Mayor's Cup 2011 a huge success...despite the excess water!

Finally, congratulations to Matt Spiegel, our 2011 Spirit Award recipient; the crew of Soundwave for winning the coveted Mayor's Cup; and the crew of Liverpool Jarge for winning the Rotary Cup; and thanks to all boaters and crew for their loyal participation in our regatta and boat parade.

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