

## WYC – Yachtsman of the Year Award

The WYC Yachtsman of the Year award is a prestigious award that has been given to only select individuals who met the following criteria:

1. Husbandry - i.e. how well the individual keeps or maintains hi/her vessel
2. Voyaging – i.e. How he/she uses and travels with his/her or other vessels
3. Durability – i.e. the age and length of time he has pursued items 1 & 2 above
4. Contribution to yachting – i.e. what has he/she done to help other yachtsmen.

This year's candidate grew up in a boating environment. His parents have been members of the Windsor Yacht Club for many years and fostered his love of boating.

He spent his early years at his family's marina in Rondeau Bay on Lake Erie. Working around boats at the marina taught him the skills to maintain and handle boats. This skill has always been noticeable in the condition and appearance of the many boats he has owned.

Having cruised the Great lakes with Lake Erie being a favourite, he has spent many happy years voyaging.

These skills have been generously passed on to fellow yachtsmen for many years. He has spent years training new boaters the arts of navigation and Seamanship in a most gentlemanly and professional manner.

He has served many years on the board of the Windsor Power and Sail Squadron rising to the position of Commander.

He has worked tirelessly on the board of the national Canadian Power and Sail Squadron, and if all goes well, will be the Commander of the national Power and Sail Squadron in 2013.

Ladies and gentlemen please stand to recognize Commander Joe Gatfield, the Windsor Yacht Club Yachtsman of the year.