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SOURCES Commodore Jim Hughes dies at 51

Jim Hughes, Commodore of the Bay of Quinte Yacht Club, Moira Secondary School coach and teacher died early today.

He was 51, one day shy of his 52nd birthday.

Hughes died at Belleville General Hospital after being taken

there by ambulance at about 3 a.m. Initial reports say he had an apparent heart attack at home.

Immediate past Commodore Bruce Knutson said Hughes was an irreplaceable



member of the Jim Hughes yacht club's executive and a tireless worker during successive Waterfront Festival celebrations at Victoria Park.

"With Gena, his wife, Jim was involved in just about everything we did at the yacht club," said Knutson. "I can hardly believe he's gone. It's just not going to be the same without him around the place."

Hughes assumed the Commodore's post Dec. 1, 1993, and was in the first year of his term. He was vice commodore, membership chairman, house chairman and fleet captain for power craft at the BQYC in past years. He could frequently be found on his 28-foot Carver boat, Moon Shadow.

Hughes moved to Belleville in 1968, from Toronto, and began teaching here. He coached wrestling at Moira Secondary School and taught physical education and science.

He had been on medical leave for the past year due to a knee injury.

Hughes and wife, Gena (Bell), have one son, Scott, of Alberta.

He is resting at John R. Bush Funeral Home. Service will be Saturday, May 21, at 1 p.m. Further arrangements were to be announced later.