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and
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Members are encouraged to promote events being held at AYC. There is no fee, and such notifications let us all know what's happening on the social front at AYC!

Announcements will appear in the AYC eNews, as well as the Burgee (if the date has not passed before the next issue is published). To promote an event, please e-mail Christine Bray, AYC Manager at office@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca.

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AYC is making headway with its objective to transition to a paperless Burgee distribution. The AYC membership voted to go electronic in 2008 in order to save AYC a considerable sum in postage, printing, paper and other expenses associated with production of a paper Burgee. This transition also allows AYC members to make a small contribution toward conservation.

In 2009, if you already have an e-mail on file with the AYC, you will receive notification by e-mail to access your Burgee electronically. If you do not already have an e-mail on file with the AYC, please e-mail Christine Bray, AYC Manager at office@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca to provide your current e-mail address.

Please note, a limited number of paper copies will be available only for those members without e-mail.

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Visit this page on the AYC web site:
[http://armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca/
ayc_members.htm](http://armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca/ayc_members.htm)



NOTE FROM THE 2009 AYC COM POLICY STARTING FEBRUARY, 2009

All members not in good standing will have their name posted at the front entrance to the club. A member must have all dues, fees, and assessments for the current financial year paid up to date to remain a member in good standing. For more details, see e AYC ByLaws under Fees and Dues VI, sub-section (1).

BURGEE EDITOR'S Note by MARY KEDDY

I started this year off with a resolution to go on a diet and so far all I've lost is about 6 weeks! However, another one of my resolutions was to keep at least one of the resolutions I made for 2009! And so, a new item called "Around the Scuttlebutt" is being introduced to The Burgee!

According to Wikipedia, "water for immediate consumption on a sailing ship was conventionally stored in a scuttled butt: a butt (cask or small barrel) which had been scuttled by making a hole in it so the water could be withdrawn. Since sailors exchanged gossip when gathered at the scuttled butt for a drink of water, scuttlebutt became Navy slang for gossip or rumours." Wikipedia goes on to expand to other nautical definitions, such as a regatta event. But back to the new column!

My part is to get the ball rolling by announcing this new item and committing to bring your questions/observations/suggestions to the monthly AYC Committee of Management (COM) for review/discussion and response. Response(s) will be reported in an upcoming Burgee, in accordance with the standard space and topic guidelines. This new feature is an attempt to provide a constructive means for AYC members to be in the know about issues of interest to them concerning their club! As such, the COM looks forward to receiving your submissions, which must be in writing. Please send to my attention at burgee@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca or, if unable to e-mail, drop off at the AYC office for me to pick up. See you "Around the Scuttlebutt"!

Around the SCUTTLEBUTT



Interested in finding out more about...have an idea/suggestion for improving the club...?

Send your submission to the Burgee Editor at burgee@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca, and we'll review/discuss at the monthly COM meeting. Your reply may be printed in an upcoming issue.

and/or...

Send Your Comments...

Thanks to the tireless efforts of a lot of volunteer AYC members over the past several weeks, the clubhouse has undergone many enhancements and repairs in order that we may all continue to enjoy the amenities of our beautifully situated yacht club.

We may have different reasons for volunteering, but the radiance emanating from those involved and satisfaction they derive from working together to achieve a common goal is in itself a motivating emotion!

So, what does volunteerism mean to you? Do you volunteer; why/why not? What's in for you/others? Are you interested in becoming a volunteer? What are some meaningful ways to recognize volunteers? Is/are there volunteer(s) at AYC you think deserve special mention? Share your thoughts with other readers!



ST. PADDY'S DAY

MATINEE AT AYC

March 14th, 3 - 7 PM

Don't Miss It!

Yard Schedule 2009

April 20th

- 1st launch of 2009

May 15th

- tender service starts
- gas dock opens

October 12th

- tender service ends
- gas dock hours are reduced
to M-F 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

November 20th

- gas dock closes for winter season
- last day for haul out

>>New for 2009<<

During spring launch, members will be asked their intentions for winter storage. The deadline for changes to your winter storage plans will be October 1, 2009.

Storage of Vessels

At the June meeting in 2008, the Committee of Management, passed a motion that vessels that remain in storage after one full year are charged the regular storage rates, plus an additional 25%. For each additional year in storage, the previous year's rate will be charged plus an additional 25%. Please note: All requests for continued land storage must be approved by the COM as outlined in the yard rules.

The implementation of these fees will begin at the end of June, 2009.

Please refer to the Armdale Yacht Club Rules Respecting Grounds, Moorings, Marinas and other Facilities, under the subtitle General, subsection 16.

Message from the Office by Christine Bray, AYC Manager

The club will be re-opening soon! We are still working on a confirmed date. Check back here for more updates!

We are looking for volunteers for the membership committee, if you are interested; please contact the office as soon as possible.

Any catering credits that remained in the squirrel system as of the beginning of December have been applied to your AYC account as of December 31. This amount will be reflected on the statement that you will be receiving with your first invoice of the year.

The deadline for resignation of your membership is February 15. We ask that you submit such requests in writing.

We will begin invoicing shortly, we expect for the first invoice of the year to be mailed out within the next week (by February 12). We will also be including a statement of account and a 2009 update form to be completed and submitted along with your payment (the submission of this form is required under our Bylaws).

Starting in February, once the club has been re-opened we will be posting the names of those individuals who are not in good standing. To be in good standing your account must be paid in full, you must have current insurance on file and you must have submitted a member update form.

All communications intended for the COM should be forwarded to the office to be presented and reviewed at the next com meeting. Members will not receive a direct reply from any individual COM member; you will receive a response from the office once your issue has been discussed and a decision made by the COM.

If you want to be on payment plan in 2009, you must indicate this on the administration portion of the update form. The deadline to enroll in the payment plan is February 27; your update must be received in the office no later than this date. No exceptions will be made. Just a reminder, dues and catering cannot be included in the payment plan.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"It isn't that life ashore
is distasteful to me.
But life at sea is better"
- Sir Francis Drake

"Land was created to
provide a
place for boats to visit"
- Brooks Atkinson

Source:
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COMMODORE's Comments by TOMMY HARPER

As this is my first Commodore's report of 2009, first let me wish all of you a very Happy New Year. Lets hope it brings us all the best - both on and off the water.

Your 2009 Committee of Management started work right out of the gate, with our first meeting held within days of taking over from the '08 COM. We have a number of challenges in front of us, specifically the Marine Railway project, and finding a replacement to the outgoing catering supplier.

On both fronts, I'm glad to report that there has been substantial progress.

At a meeting held January 28th, the membership were brought up to speed on both files. The Marine Railway is possibly the biggest capital expenditure at AYC in recent memory, both in terms of size and expenditure. I have good news and bad news. The bad news is that there will be no "new" Marine Railway this year. This is a complex piece of equipment and the design has to be as close to perfect as possible before we start construction. As the COM is finding out, that sort of design work takes time. More time than we have between now and launch season. The good news is that the existing railway has been surveyed with regards to safety and operation. With some repairs it has been determined that we can utilize the existing railway thru 2009.

The next issue presented at the meeting was the situation with regards to a replacement for the outgoing caterer. The COM provided background information including a timeline, and presented 3 options for moving forward. Over my time at AYC, issues surrounding catering have always brought out a very passionate set of opinions from the membership - and this meeting was no different. For well over an hour, members stood up to let themselves be heard. Discussion was passionate and vigorous. In the end a motion was made to accept the catering proposal submitted by Certainly Cinnamon of Halifax. The motion was carried by a healthy majority.

As I write this report, the Vice Commodore is moving ahead with the new caterer, to resume catering services to AYC as soon as is practically possible.

On the note of resuming, I was delighted to see the huge turnout at the Club Opening on January 30th! It certainly demonstrated the commitment and enjoyment of our members to the use of the AYC clubhouse. The next AYC social is a great event to warm up these frigid winter months, a Valentine Dinner and Dance on February 14. I'll look for you to be there!

So that concludes my first report - there will be many more, as I am committed to providing the membership with as much up to date and accurate information as is possible.

Until next time, I'll see you on the water!

NOTICE

As a member of AYC, chances are you have dealt with Wade Henneberry, our Yard Foreman, either during the launch or haul out of a vessel, or some other 'yard' matter. Wade has been employed with the AYC for over 30 years, and has consistently given all of us great service and dedication over that time. It has recently come to our attention that Wade has been diagnosed with a significant medical issue. The treatment Wade requires necessitates travel and lodging out of province.

Just as Wade has always been here for us, we now wish support to him. We plan to organize a function to raise funds that will go toward the expenses not covered by MSI or Blue Cross in order to assist Wade with the extra expenses he will incur, as he requires treatment outside of Nova Scotia.

Meanwhile, we are appealing to you to contribute to a fund that will go toward relieving Wade of the extra financial load he will acquire as a result of his unfortunate circumstance. If you wish to make a donation, please contact the office at 477-4617 or office@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca We can record your pledge which can be paid by cash, cheque or credit card. All will be gratefully accepted

We thank you in anticipation of the kind spirit and generosity that you, as AYC members, so often demonstrate.

AYC Committee of Management

**Message from the the VICE
COMMODORE by MIKE CASEY**

New Caterer for the Club!

"It is with great pleasure (and better still, relief!) that Scott Colwell has indicated to me today (February 2) that he will be accepting the role as caterer for AYC.

This concludes a lengthy process over the last two months which we hope will lead to a mutually satisfying relationship between AYC and Scott and his group.

Scott's company is co-managed by him and his wife Donna. They have successfully run catering operations for many years. Among the venues they operate are Certainly Cinnamon on Barrington Street, St. Mary's Boat Club, The Wooden Door at Chocolate Lake, and the Halifax International Airport. I am certain they will bring a more businesslike arrangement to the Club.

Scott indicates he should be up and running in the second to third week of this month.

That this group will do our catering is a real benefit to us. We as members now have to patronize the restaurant and bar to ensure things go well financially so he will stay for the long term.

With the quality that he is offering, I am hoping this will not be difficult for us.

I would like to thank all members for their patience and the many good ideas that were forwarded to assist through the last few months. Let's now get back to enjoying ourselves in the usual fashion!



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"Dear Heart, I had a great dream last night about you."

"Oh? What was I doing?" She asked with a little giggle.

"You were buying me a new boat."

"How Nice." Was her cool response, "Tonight, why don't you dream up a way to pay for your new boat?"

Source: "MyBoatClub.Com".

OH, what a Party! COMMODORE'S BALL, November 22, 2008.

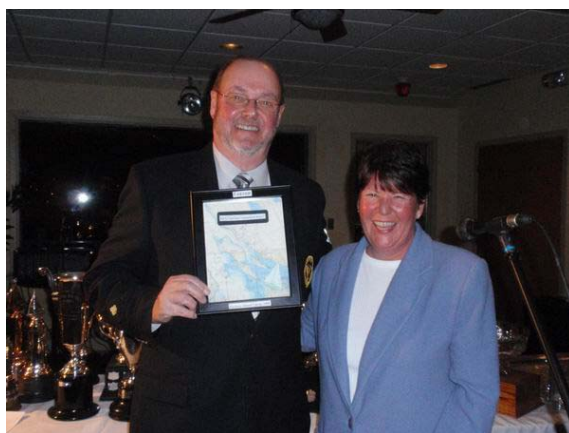
This event was well attended and, by all indications, a great time! Photos courtesy of Karen Smith.



The Commodore, Jim McBurney (now Past Commodore), handing out awards.

Top Left - Dan Pride (won, placed or showed in many sailing races),

Top Right - Mark MacNeil, Longest Cruise Recipient



Left - The Commodore handing out yet another award, this one to Leslie Samson.

Above - The Commodore himself receiving an award,



Right - AYC's keeper of the trophies, Norman Raine.



The Party Continues...COMMODORE'S BALL, November 22, 2008.

Various Captains and their crews celebrate! Photos courtesy of Karen Smith.



Top:

Left - Becky Schneiderman and her crew

Right - Janet McInnis and her crew

Centre Left: Female racers at AYC with their race hut men Greg and Karl

Below:

Left - Paul Bezanson and his crew

Right - Karen Smith, Sue Young, Mandy Chapman, Elizabeth Whyte



Left - Sue Young and Blair King

**Message from the REAR COMMODORE
by DAVE HICKEY**

Dear AYC Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to say that I am looking forward to the up-coming boating season. The cruising community, as you all know, I am very informed about. Now, as for racing, I will need some guidance from you keen racers. We need to meet with you all and establish some goals/expectations for racing this year. I have not yet had a chance to meet with Fleet Captain Sail, Paul, but before the end of the month, I intend to meet with both Fleet Captains and set some plans in place. If any of you wish to help with this planning for the year, please let me know through the AYC email address

rearcommodore@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca. I look forward to hearing from you all. To date, I have been very busy with helping in the house and catering issues. I will now, however, be turning my attention to the budget, and the racing/cruising segments of AYC. Come on Spring! And as my good friend Lloyd would sign off:
Yors Aye,
Dave Hickey

**DIRECTOR OF SAIL TRAINING Report by
DALE COURAGE**

As I am just starting out in this position I do not have a lot to report at this time; however, I would like to say hello to all the members of the Armdale Yacht Club and welcome any input or discussion you have regarding the Learn to Sail (LTS) Program at our Club. I would also like to take this opportunity to invite any interested members to sit on the LTS committee with me so you can share your experience and views. Please contact me through the sail training e-mail address if you would like to discuss your participation. I look forward to a successful and enjoyable sail training year at the Club.



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FLEET CAPTAIN, CRUISE Report by TERRY HILL

Hello Everybody,

I'll make my first report as brief as possible. Going into 2009, and hoping the weather Gods are with us this year, we will have a full slate of events for members to take part in and enjoy.

The first event will be the Dry Cruise some time in March; the venue, date and theme will be posted in the Burgee and around the AYC as soon as possible. In the meantime, take care and stay warm. Best Wishes to all!

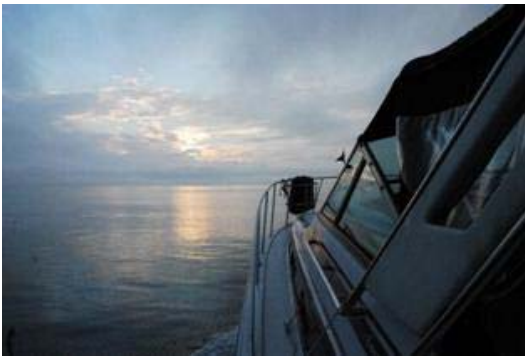


Photo Contest 2008 Entry; 'Trip' by Jeff Larsen



Photo Contest Entry 2008; 'Rescue of Commodore's Wife & Daughter at Poker Run 2008' by Gloria Connors

FLEET CAPTAIN, SAIL Report by PAUL BEZANSON

I am preparing the preliminary Racing Schedule for 2009. The Schedule will be similar to last years. I am considering putting a Seamanship race in the schedule. For that to happen because of budget and time constraints, a Seamanship race will have to replace another race. The Solo race has been poorly attended and is on my radar. I will have to get together with the race committee and discuss this.

The Officer of the Day format will continue for 2009. Once the Schedule is finalized I will be asking for racers to sign up to Officers of the Day each event.

As promised handicaps will be reset to area ratings for the evening races at the start of the season. I am considering for simplicity to only increase the handicap of the winning boat after each series by two points. However for the overall results for the season, I am considering redoing the results using area ratings. Again this will have to be discussed with the race committee and at the spring meeting.

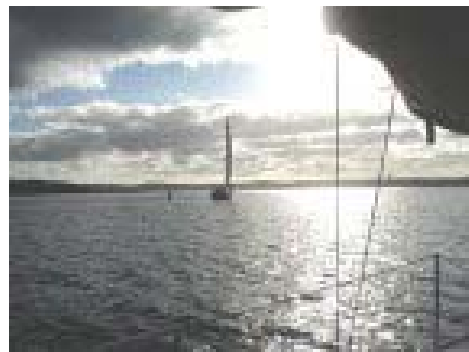


Photo Contest 2008 Entries:

Above - 'UNO WHO' by Barrie MacLeod

Below - 'GERSEMI Peggy's Cove' by Paul Bezanson



Note from the HOUSE CHAIR by ANN KYLE

Hi, I'm Ann Kyle, this year's new House Chair.

Wow, January starts with a BANG!! It's the Club's "close down" for cleaning, painting, repairing, polishing, washing, general sprucing & spiffing upand there's lots of it!! So, since I'm brand new, I have to tell you how grateful I am to have Don Longard, last Year's House Chair, standing by with his full and able support as I get my bearings.

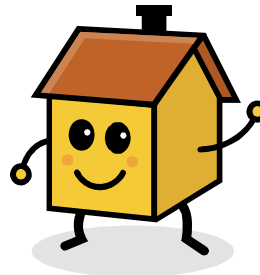
As you know, most of the work is done by our volunteer members and this is what we will have done by Club opening at the end of the month:

- * Painted Upper Wardroom and Dining Room (Bob Demock & Jack Cameron)
- * Refinished wooden tables and chairs (Dave Trenbirth & Wayne)
- * Cleaned/refinished dance floor so we can give it more wear and tear this year!!
- * All carpets and upholstered chairs cleaned
- * Super-cleaned our very dirty kitchen from top to bottom (professionally done)
- * Polished brass, organized closets, cleaned windows, blinds, etc. (Barry MacLeod)
- * Repaired ceiling leaks in kitchen serving alcove (in progress, soon complete)
- * New curtains in Upper Wardroom (in progress, looking for the right material)
- * Retiring all the blue trim in the foyer – to a neutral colour for now
- * And then Norm Raine provides the "final touch" when he comes in to clean, polish and take care of all our Club trophies in the trophy cases and the many pictures on our walls.

We do have a fairly major project on the go – the upstairs staff washroom. A serious plumbing leak there uncovered all sorts of issues and so we have undertaken a reno of this space to solve the plumbing/heating/electrical issues as well as significantly upgrade the space for looks and functionality.

We'll be working on this until the end of February, but it can be isolated sufficiently for use of upstairs Boardroom, etc. A dedicated "Reno Team" is in place to do everything except the plumbing and electrical work...they are Dave Hickey and Don Longard (leading the project) with Wayne, John Finney, Ronnie Moore, Grant Kennedy, Terry Hill and Phil Currie. We'll put out a call for more help if/when needed..

I have formed a small House Committee with members Breezie Bird and Jack Cameron to get us started...our job is to make a plan for Club maintenance and improvements during 2009 and then see that it gets done!!! Please let me know if you have any interest in joining us. All for now.



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Note from the ENTERTAINMENT CHAIR by SHEILA ENGLISH

For those who do not know me, I have been an Associate Member at Armdale Yacht Club for about 25 years. My husband Bill and I own a trawler "Samjakeian" named after our three grandsons, Sam, Jake and Ian. When we're not away cruising during the summer, Samjakeian can be found at the west end of Marina C. Over the years we have formed many lasting friendships at AYC and have enjoyed many of the club's cruising and social events.

I welcome any suggestions or ideas you may have for events that could be held in the 2009 season. The first event being planned by my Committee is a Valentine's Dinner and Dance on February 14th. Please feel free to e-mail me at the entertainment e-mail address about any matters regarding entertainment.



Above: JB, the Birthday Boy at the Bash Leslie Samson organized at the AYC on November 29/08. Photo by Mary Keddy.



Valentine's Dinner and Dance

February 14, 2009

Buffet Dinner 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Fresh Baked Rolls/Cut Baguettes
Organic Chef Salad/Greek Salad/ Cheese Tray
Carved Triple A Western Roast Beef (carved on site, au jus, horseradish, condiments)
Braised Center cut North Atlantic Salmon (marinated in pure maple syrup, grilled on site)
Rice Pilaf/New York Pan Fried Potatoes; Mixed Roasted Vegetables
Coffee & Tea; Selection of Sweets, Cakes and Squares/
Fresh Fruit Medley

Tickets -

\$40 per person (includes tax & gratuity & dance)
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AYC's Yard Party, December 2008!

What a Blast, as the photos, courtesy of Karen Smith, do tell!



Kevin Rosborough jams with 'de Boyz!

Could it be...

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Above: Paul Samson asking AYC Manager, Christine Bray to sing



Above & Right....and sing she does; a duet - with Jim Harris!



AYC's Yard Party, December 2008!

...and they Rocked On...



Above: Jim Harris encourages all, including Parker Noonan (above left), and Maxine Rosborough (above right)!

Centre: ...with discerning judges, Dave, Heather and Larry looking on...

Below: or are they actually looking away (Captain Bill & Sheila English)



February						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 COM Meeting (rescheduled) 6:45 PM (Budget Only)	11	12	13 AYC Bar Open	14 Valentine Day Dinner (6:30 - 8:30 PM) & Dance (9 PM - 12:30 AM)
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 AYC Budget Meeting (7:00 PM)	25	26	27	28

March						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 COM Meeting (6:45 PM)	11	12	13	14 St. Paddy's Day Matinee 3 - 7 PM
15 Spring Race; 1:00 PM	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				