

AYC Opening  
Regatta, May 15  
- 17/09

Paul Bezanson  
with Janice  
MacInnis & her  
crew on 'Bandit'.

Can you tell  
they placed?!

L-R: Paul  
Bezanson,  
Vangie Sadler,  
Darlene  
Kinghamne,  
Roxanne  
Gauthier,  
and  
Janice MacInnis



### AYC Hours

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These are minimum hours, subject to change as the season progresses.

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## Billing Schedule

2009

### January/February

- Senior Membership Dues (interim)
- CYA Membership Dues  
(Senior Members only)

### March 15

- Senior Dues final
- Capital Project Fund  
(\$100.00 for Senior Members)
- Social, Out Port Dues

### 1<sup>st</sup> week in May

- Marina/Mooring/Summer Storage
- Spar Storage
- Winter Power  
(for wet winter storage 08/09)
- Lockers

### 1<sup>st</sup> week in October

- Winter Storage
- Summer Power (summer 09)
- Summer Trailer Storage

**Note:** all additional services will be billed on a per use basis.

### Other Deadlines

Resignation - **Feb 15**  
To Sign Up for Payment Plan - **Feb 27**  
Submit Fuel Rebate Receipts - **Dec 15**

## 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  
Mon - Fri 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.



### **NOTE FROM THE 2009 AYC COM POLICY STARTING FEBRUARY, 2009**

All members who are not in good standing will have their name posted at the front entrance to the club. In the past a reminder letter was sent from the office to let members know that their accounts were past due. This reminder letter will no longer be sent out. Instead the suspension will be automatic when the account is more than 30 days past due. If you are suspended, you will be required to pay a fee to reinstate your membership; this fee is currently \$250 for Senior members and \$20 for Social and Out port members.

What is good standing? According to AYC Bylaws under Fees and Dues VI, sub-section (1), a member must have all dues, fees, and assessments for the current financial year paid up to date. Also, proof of insurance and a completed update/renewal must be provided when requested by the office. If you have questions please contact the office.

### **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**

Things are very busy in the yard and in the office as more and more of you get launched and on the water. It may take a little longer than normal to return your calls and e-mails. The management and staff do their best to provide top-notch service to members as quickly as we can. We thank you for your understanding at this busy time of year!

The bulk of the marina invoices were mailed out on June 5th and June 8th. This invoice also includes winter power, spar storage and locker rental if you use these services. If you do not receive your invoice in the next few days please contact the office!

Just a reminder that the recycling bin in the yard is for oil recycling only. We ask that these products be placed in a closed container before disposal. We DO NOT accept: propane, gas, batteries, or paint. We ask that you dispose of these items and other hazardous products at the designated waste depot in Bayer's Lake.

We are nearly caught up! All of the remaining marinas should be in by the end of next week, the installation of water and power will take a little longer. Your patience is appreciated.

We are always looking for volunteers to assist with various projects throughout the year. If you have some time to spare and would like to help support your club, contact the office. A great big thank you to the many volunteers already lending a hand at AYC!



***IMPORTANT NOTICE!***

**JUNE 30, 2009  
7:00 PM  
Upper Ward Room, AYC Clubhouse**

**Subject: Food & Beverage Services at AYC**

**TOWN HALL MEETING**

All AYC Senior, Intermediate, Life, Social, Out port & Associate Members in good standing are invited and encouraged to attend. Research and findings of the Design Team will be presented.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

Immediately following the Town Hall Meeting, Senior, Intermediate and Life Members in good standing will be invited to stay on. They will be asked to vote on which of the food and beverage options (presented at the Town Hall Meeting) they wish AYC to pursue.

***Interesting Links:***

(If any of the links below don't work, copy and paste them into your Browser's address window and hit 'enter'.)

Want to be "knottie"?

Visit: [www.animatedknots.com](http://www.animatedknots.com)

Learn about marinas around the world:

[www.marinas.com](http://www.marinas.com)

A web site about Marinas and Yacht Clubs in Eastern Canada: [www.capmarina.com](http://www.capmarina.com). This is a free service.

Halifax Harbour: <http://www.halifaxwebcam.ca/>

Environment Canada - Marine Forecast Halifax Harbour and Approaches:

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Boats for sale at [www.yachtware.net](http://www.yachtware.net).

A free buy/sell/trade service for boaters (Atlantic Canada) [www.atlanticcanadaboats.com](http://www.atlanticcanadaboats.com)

## COMMODORE'S COLUMN

by TOMMY HARPER

First of all I want to take the time to thank the various committees, volunteers, and members who made the Opening Regatta Weekend a great success. Since much of the effort takes place in advance and behind the scenes, we sometimes lose sight of how much work it takes and how much of their own free time the volunteer committees give up to make this event run so smoothly. Congratulations to the Race Committee, the Entertainment Committee, House Committee and all of the individual members who contributed their time and expertise.

Unfortunately, the weekend ended on a sour note.

The new bar staff had been instructed to close the bar at a specific hour. One which allowed racers and members alike to celebrate their accomplishments (or perhaps drown their sorrows...) after the awards were given out, but still allow the club to be closed at a reasonable hour on a holiday Monday.

At last call, the bar staff were verbally abused and harassed by AYC members. These AYC members indicated that closing the bar was "unacceptable"; certain members even attempted to enter the bar area by the side door.

Let me make this perfectly clear. Behaviour of this sort is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Moving forward, the COM will institute a Zero Tolerance Policy regarding treatment of AYC staff, and the bar area. In particular, we will focus on issues of over consumption and treatment of staff.

The bar area is governed by the Alcohol and Gaming Authority. In the past, AYC has come within a whisker of losing our license. We continue to operate under their scrutiny.

In addition, the Design Committee has worked long and hard to get a consistent level of service up and running. Too hard to lose all of their hard work over the behaviour of a small group of members.

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



Looking for information pertaining to AYC's ByLaws and documents?

Visit this page on the AYC web site:

[http://armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca/ayc\\_members.htm](http://armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca/ayc_members.htm)



### Welcome New Members by Christine Bray

On behalf of all AYC members & staff, a warm welcome is extended to the following new member, approved at the May/09 Committee of Management meeting:

Senior

Darrell Dixon & Associate, Karen Dixon

Boat Type: 31' power boat 'Four Winns'

Your fellow members look forward to meeting you!

**BURGEE EDITOR's Note**  
by MARY KEDDY

Last month I paid tribute to Mom's and, of course, I'll follow with appropriate recognition of Father's Day in June. I always teased that Father's Day originated because six weeks after Mother's Day someone said "ohmygosh, we need a day for Dads, too!" Upon researching this, it turns out that's actually kind of how it happened...

The history of Father's Day dates back to 1909, in Spokane, Washington when Sonora Smart Dodd listened to a Mother's Day sermon which inspired her to have a special day dedicated to her father. William Jackson Smart, raised Sonora and her siblings, single-handedly, after their mother died. Sonora wanted her father to know how much she realized his sacrifices, courage, selflessness and love and so, she held the first Father's Day celebration on her father's birthday on June 19, 1910. However, unlike Mother's Day, which was readily accepted, Father's Day was received with mockery and hilarity, thus gaining attention for all the wrong reasons. In fact, it wasn't until 1972 when President Richard Nixon established the third Sunday of June, as a permanent national observance day of Father's Day. The rose was made the official flower for the Father's Day celebration. While the white rose commemorates gratitude for a father who was deceased, a red rose expressed thankfulness to one who was living.

Anyway, if your Dad, husband or special guy is into boating, you're probably in the process of purchasing another expensive piece of gear that 'we absolutely gotta' have' (a.k.a.. adding to your already massive inventory of boating equipment!). And that's alright because (and as indicated by others in this issue), a successful Opening Regatta weekend has officially marked the beginning of the 2009 boating season at AYC - and there are many more fine events to be held at our club this summer. Take care and boat safely!



**Learn To Sail (LTS) Directors Meeting**  
June 14/09

The NSYA will be hosting a LTS Directors and Instructors meeting on Sunday, June 14 from 1-3 pm at the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron.

Peter MacDougall who is Chair of the CYA Learn to Sail Committee will be there to discuss the CYA Long Term Athlete Development Model, the new Competency Based system and any other questions you might have about programs. He is one of the best resources in the country for all matters Learn to Sail.

As well there will be plenty of time for Clubs to discuss issues with their programs.

This meeting is open to anyone with an interest in Learn to Sail programs from Learn to Sail Directors, to parents, to instructors-to-be.

If you are planning to attend please RSVP to NSYA [nnya@sportnovascotia.ca](mailto:nnya@sportnovascotia.ca) no later than June 8.

See more Articles in the NSYA June 2009 Newsletter at [http://www.nnya.ns.ca/uploads/June\\_09.htm](http://www.nnya.ns.ca/uploads/June_09.htm)

**WINE ROULETTE**

*June 19/09 at 7:30 PM*

*More in 'Notes from Entertainment Chair, Sheila English', page 13*

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## CHESTER RACE WEEK WEIGHS ANCHOR FOR 2009

The largest keel boat regatta in Canada with a history of over 100 hundred years is scheduled for August 12th to 15th hosted by the Chester Yacht Club.

In 2008 the organizers raised the bar by engaging world renowned yacht racer Andreas Josenhans, Bermuda's Jay Hooper and Ray Cambria of Chester's Bluenose fleet to set and manage the race courses for Mahone Bay's ever changing weather conditions. This successful program of 10 yacht classes on 3 different courses will be repeated for 2009. Yachts in the handicap classes will be racing under PHRF rules. Sailors from all over the world will converge on Chester, Nova Scotia to compete for cups and yachting glory in an area which, arguably offers some of the best sailing conditions in the world at that time of year.

Regatta chair, Mary MacInnis said "we were extremely pleased with the program last year and will be building on that success for an even bigger and better regatta for 2009. There will be events for the public as well as participating sailors, including daily live music, dancing, and great food".

For those who have had some sailing experience and wish to crew on one of the expected 160 yachts, they can check out the web site

[www.chesterraceweek.com](http://www.chesterraceweek.com)

Chester Race Week boasted a large fleet of 27 Bluenose class sloops last year and a total of 156 yachts registered, including several beautiful, classic boats. One skipper wrote "we had a great time racing in Mahone Bay.

What a great place to sail and everyone we met couldn't have been more gracious".

The tradition of Chester Race Week goes back 100 years when fisherman started racing between Tancook Island and Chester. The regatta has grown to one of the largest and most important yachting events in North America.

Chester Race Week is made possible by the generous support of its sponsors and the hard work of a large crew of enthusiastic volunteers. Experienced yacht racers from all over the world and land lubbers alike will be made welcome at the Chester Yacht Club August 12 to 15 2009.

Invitations for press credentials and press kits will be available in July.

For more information contact Press Relations Officer, Lynn R. Helpard  
-or Race Week Chair Mary MacInnis at [media@chesterraceweek.com](mailto:media@chesterraceweek.com)

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**New Staff At AYC**  
**by Mary Keddy**

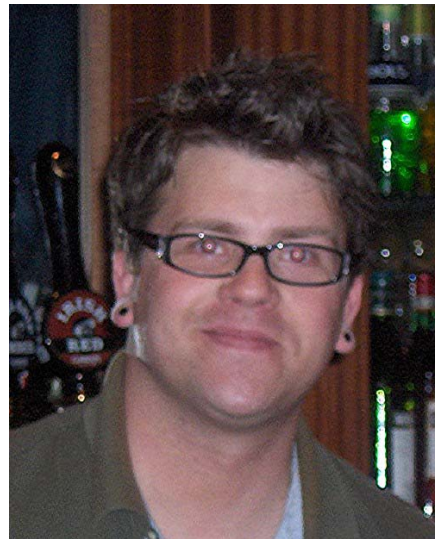
AYC is proud to introduce our Bar Tenders, Katherine Ryder-Burbidge and Chris Haley.

You can find Katherine in the 'Chart Room' during lunch/brunch from Wednesday through Sunday, where she doubles as wait staff in our dining room.

Katherine is a University honour student majoring in Political Science and International Development studies. She moved from Ottawa to Halifax at the beginning of this year to return to Dalhousie University. She has been bar tending/serving for many years and has spent the past four years managing a pub in downtown Ottawa.



Chris tends Bar at AYC during the evening shifts. Chris originally hails from Nova Scotia, although he, too, has returned a couple of times from living "away" (out West and Ontario) over the past number of years. He is currently enrolled in the Radio and Television Arts Program at the NSCC Waterfront Campus in Dartmouth. He hopes to become a television reporter when he completes this program.



Chris has experience working as a Bartender/Supervisor while he lived in Sarnia, Ontario and has also been a Banquet Server at a well known hotel here, in Halifax.

Both Katherine and Chris are personable and outgoing and are eager to contribute to the success of the Food & Beverage operation at AYC. Your support and utilization of AYC's bar and dining room is critical. So please drop in for a light lunch and refreshment and, while you're there, take some time to meet and welcome Katherine and Chris to AYC!

***Happy Hour at AYC Bar!***  
***Daily\* 5 - 7 PM***

\*Applies to days/times when the Bar is

## Around the SCUTTLEBUTT

Interested in finding out more about...have an idea/suggestion for The Burgee content...or for improving the club...care to respond to an item someone else submitted...or just want to get published?!

Send your submission to [scuttlebutt@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca](mailto:scuttlebutt@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca). Your correspondence will be responded to (as applicable), and/or printed in an upcoming issue.

Save for our loyal contributor, Captain Nemo, the contents of our Inbox was sparse...

*Dear Scuttlebutt,*

*For all of you who have not visited our club dining room recently, I have been enjoying excellent soup and sandwich lunches, served by Katherine and cooked by Master Chef Fintan. Service and food is excellent all around. I know it's good because on one of those days I spotted Leslie Samson in the dining room. She also said the food and service was excellent. So you know if Leslie says it's good, it must be good. Also, by the way, what retired CBC Manager was spotted at the club having lunch with his new girl friend?? I think his initials are P.B. Speaking of initials, the hot topic of conversation at the 'dry rot table' was the J.B. makeover and how much money it raised for club activities. Maybe a J.B. "celebrity makeover" is due. What do you think?*

*The new marinas and fingers the yard staff constructed over the winter are in the water now. If you get the opportunity, drop down and have a look at them. Another job well done by AYC staff and management.*

*The Opening Regatta was held and a good time was had by all. Food and beverage service were excellent. If you didn't get your lobster/steak/chicken dinner, you missed out. Sheila English and all the volunteers did an excellent job! This was the first big event of the season and set a benchmark to be exceeded at events for the rest of the year. Let's all get on the bandwagon, and make this a very successful AYC year.*

*Speaking of events, as Tall Ships are going to be in downtown Halifax this summer, wouldn't it be fun to do a AYC convoy downtown and visit the Tall Ships??*

*Anyway, after so many random thoughts, I am suffering brain drain so I must go for a cool 'refreshment' on the lido deck. See you next time!*

*Captain Nemo*

Due to lack of response to last month's contest to 'find the mistake in May's issue of The Burgee', we are unable to declare a winner - now that's sad, and we'll rely on you good folks to remedy that next chance you get (see below!).

By the way, the mistake was omission of three words of the punch line of one of the jokes...printed in its entirety this time, the joke is:

### *Diet*

*One time when I was home visiting my folks, my mom asked me to set the table for dinner. I opened the refrigerator and taped to the inside of the door was a risqué picture of a lovely, slender, perfectly built, but scantily-clad young woman.*

*"Mom, what's this?" I asked.*

*"Oh, I put that up there to remind me not to over-eat," she answered.*

*"Is it working?" I asked.*

*"Yes and no," she explained. "I've lost 15 pounds, but your dad **has gained 20!**"*

This month we received a photo from Ken Bell, which has become the subject of our next contest...

What is the object in the photo on the next page? First entry to correctly guess this wins a mystery prize! Send your response to [burgee@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca](mailto:burgee@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca).



## The "What's It?" Contest



Ken Bell tells us the item in this photo has a nautical purpose.

Perhaps you can guess what that purpose is and what benefit it has for our nautical way of life?

<Sorry, Ken, you're ineligible to enter this contest!>



Send your response to Scuttlebutt by e-mail to: [burgee@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca](mailto:burgee@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca)

### Quote of the Day

"Whatever spares you carry become immediately obsolete, and the ones left behind at the dock become essentials." - Dave Hull

Source: <http://www.mesmerenterprizes.com/wordpress/?cat=6>



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...and speaking of photos...

**CLICK!**

**2nd Annual  
Armdale Yacht Club (AYC) Photo Contest  
June 15 - September 15, 2009**

This year there are no categories, no limits on number of entries, just click away and send in your photos! Obviously, photos with AYC content/that convey the AYC spirit are preferable; however, the only qualifying criteria is that you must be a member to enter..

We're planning monthly mini contests in July and August, and then a grand finale in September/October after the contest is over. More details on that to follow.

The Grand Prize winner will receive a \$100 dollar voucher for AYC branded merchandise. The monthly mini contest prizes are to be determined.



**Contest Rules...**

1. Contest is open to all AYC members in good standing.
2. All photos submitted become the property of AYC.
3. Entries must be submitted in digital format, preferably JPEG.
4. Photos shall not exceed 3 megs in file size.
5. Only photos submitted to aycphotocontest@gmail.com will be accepted.
6. In your e-mail, please include: your name, e-mail and phone contact.
7. Monthly contest closes the 15th of each month.
8. Judges decision is final.
9. Finalist prize is a \$100 voucher for AYC branded merchandise.
10. AYC Photo Contest Rules may change without notice.

Let's all participate to make this a super fun event!

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1st Annual AYC Photo Contest Winner,  
"On the Water" by Bill English!



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

Well, another opening regatta under our belts and what I understand from all reports, in spite of **weather**, a great time and sail had by all. Sheila and her committee did a fabulous job and even made money this year. Great job Sheila!

Lots now going on at the club and our food provider is doing a great job thus far. Please, if you haven't tried lunch or brunch, come out and sample the new menu - I'm sure you will enjoy! The Design Team is working on final proposals to bring to the membership - be sure to attend the special meeting on June 30th to approve what kind of service you want at AYC.

We hope to expand food services to Wednesday and Friday nights soon. I hope you all have a chance to sample the food and meet the new staff who have been working very hard to make AYC's services at the club house what you expect and deserve.

Looking forward to a fun and safe cruising season at AYC! See you around the club or on the water!

Yours Aye!



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



Hi Fellow AYC Members,

It's great to see active sails back on the Arm again as many of us hit the water for the first tastes of Summer. The 2009 Learn to Sail (LTS) Program is still in its early preparation and startup stage; however, there are a few things to report:

- the three LTS instructors have been selected for this season and I am pleased to introduce: Nik Himmelman (Head Instructor), Alex Simpson and Chelsea Davidson. Let's welcome all three who are all returning instructors from the successful 2008 LTS season. Hopefully they can bring their additional experience to the Club to build further on the successes of last year's sailing classes. If anyone has any suggestions for the program you can contact the Head Instructor at the sail training office or send an email to his club email address ([learn2sail@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca](mailto:learn2sail@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca)).
- the LTS section of the AYC web site is updated for 2009 so please have a look at the available classes and encourage friends and relatives to get families signed up for the summer classes. As in other years there are classes for Youth, Adults and special Women classes, so encourage friends to join the Fun!!
- In the next couple of weeks you will see a lot of activity cleaning up the club house and the instructors preparing the boats.
- Drop by to say hello and welcome our returning Instructors.

Happy Sailing!

## FLEET CAPTAIN, CRUISE Report by TERRY HILL

On May 9 we had our Club Crawl. After taking in a really tasty brunch at AYC we headed off to the Squadron. We sampled our neighbour's fare and then motored on to Bedford. The traffic was atrocious, so it put us a bit behind schedule. Finally, though, we arrived with 23 souls aboard the good bus "Desire". From there we went to Fort Knox, er I mean, DYC. Check out the security gate there, quite the system they have put in. Finally, we hit Shearwater. By this time we were not feeling too much pain so it was time to head for home again.

Between each club we had a draw for a Bus Prize, which seemed to go over well. These were sponsored by a local collision centre whose name eludes me at the moment. And thanks, also, for prizes generously donated by MMOS. The event wound up with light refreshments and pizza in the AYC Clubhouse.

Opening Regatta went over well and marks the start of the boating season in earnest. I'll be gathering the troops and start planning for "Cruise's" next event in the near future.

On that note, here's what I have so far - Wreck Cove raft up June 20 weekend, McGraths Cove Pirate Weekend, August 1 - hosted by Donna and Sebastian. If you are a bit more adventurous there are a couple of other events that have come to my attention. LeHave River Yacht Club is having its Cruiser Fest July 24 - 25. September 19 - 20 is the annual Jeddore Pirate Festival, which I've been told is a real fun event. That's it for now.

Best Regards!



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## Note from Entertainment Chair SHEILA ENGLISH

How many years in a row has Mother Nature not cooperated for AYC's Opening Regatta!? In spite of the bad weather, the turnout for all of the events was good. Many volunteers worked hard from Friday morning to Saturday evening to make the weekend a success, and had some fun in the process! A huge thank-you to everyone who helped out.

Want to deepen your appreciation for wine, or just spend an evening socializing with fellow AYC members? Then plan to attend the Wine Tasting event on June 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:30 pm. Sommelier, Drew Curlett will profile different wines and will teach us how to use our basic senses to identify them. Then we'll split off into teams for a game of "wine roulette" with prizes for the winning team. The cost is \$15 per person and includes the wine sampling and some nibbles. You can also place orders for your favourite wine, which will be delivered to your door. There are only a limited number of tickets available so buy early.

Your Entertainment Committee is in the process of booking bands for the balance of the year's events. If you have a favourite band or DJ who you think would be a good fit for any of these events please let me know by sending me an email at [entertainment@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca](mailto:entertainment@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca).

**OPENING REGATTA - MAY 15 to 17, 2009**

**Photos Courtesy of Sheila English**



Left: Ken Bell cooks the lobster for opening regatta.

Below: Slaving over a hot stove, Munden Manuel and Pam Shipley

Below: Some of the Opening Regatta Kitchen Staff - Munden Manuel, Diana Wolff, Dave Hickey, Grant Kennedy, Janice Giffin, Terry Hill and Pam Shipley



Right: The Lobster Crackers, - Sara Raine, Munden Manual and Bill English





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### SAILTOONS by Michael Malzone



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## FLEET CAPTAIN, SAIL

Report by PAUL BEZANSON

The Icebreaker and the Opening Regatta are now complete.

The Icebreaker was well attended this year with 13 boats. The day was relatively pleasant; however, the harbour and the arm were plagued with "holes". The racers who sailed around the "holes" the best ruled the day.

### Results

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|--------------|-------------------------|
| 1. FUBAR     | - Chris Spearin         |
| 2. BAD DADDY | - Scott Lorette         |
| 3. MAYHEM    | - Richard Gerstenberger |

The opening regatta was also well attended (20 boats over 3 classes) even with the questionable weather (showers and fog). The wind was reasonable the first two days however Sunday's race was plagued with Fog. The last race, which proved to be decisive, was raced in very light winds from the North east. How competitors picked their way out the arm was critical to the final results.

### Results

#### Class A

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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. THIRD WAVE | - Hal Davies  |
| 2. AKUBRA     | - Reg Goodday |
| 3. FESTIVUS   | - Mark Holden |

#### Class B

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. GERSEMI      | - Paul Bezanson |
| 2. RATTLE & HUM | - Jason Penny   |
| 3. HIGHLANDER   | - Dan Pride     |

#### Class C

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1. RHUMBLE      | - Norm Schneiderman |
| 2. BAD DADDY    | - Scott Lorette     |
| 3. DREAM WEAVER | - Scott MacLeod     |

On another note we have started Wednesday night racing with 2 races now completed. Participation level has been around 10 boats which is above last year's level this early in the Season.

June						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Spring Series (3/6) 6:30 PM	4 Spring Women's Series (1/6) 6:30 PM	5	6
7	8	9 COM Meeting 6:45 PM	10 Spring Series (4/6) 6:30 PM	11 Spring Women's Series (2/6) 6:30 PM	12	13 Wine Roulette 7:30 PM
14	15	16	17 Spring Series (5/6) 6:30 PM	18 Spring Women's Series (3/6) 6:30 PM	19	20
21 Father's Day 	22	23	24 Spring Series (6/6) 6:30 PM	25 Spring Women's Series (4/6) 6:30 PM	26	27
28	29	30 Town Hall & Special Meeting 7 PM				
July						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			 1 Canada Day Summer Series (1/6) 6:30 PM	2 Spring Women's Series (5/6) 6:30 PM	3	4 Doublehan ded Race 1 PM
5	6	7	8 Summer Series (2/6) 6:30 PM	9 Spring Women's Series (6/6) 6:30 PM	10	11
12 Seamanship Race 1 PM	13	14 COM Mtg 6:45 PM	15 Summer Series (3/6) 6:30 PM	16 Spring Women's Series (1/6) 6:30 PM	17	18 Performance Cup Race 2 1 PM
19	20	21	22 Summer Series (4/6) 6:30 PM	23 Spring Women's Series (2/6) 6:30 PM	24	25
26	27	28	29 Summer Series (5/6) 6:30 PM	30 Spring Women's Series (3/6) 6:30 PM	31	