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May 9/09



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Promotions

AYC Events

Announcements appear in the AYC eNews, as well as the Burgee. 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!

Advertising

Advertising space is available in The Burgee. Monthly rates are:

1/8 page: \$ 35.00 1/4 page: \$ 55.00

1/2 page: \$ 95.00 1 page: \$ 175.00

Photos accompanying ads should be in JPEG format.

To promote an event or place an ad, contact Christine Bray, AYC Manager at office@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca, or 477-4617.

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

1st week in May

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

1st 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**

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.

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.

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

FROM the OFFICE

First, THANK YOU to all of the volunteers at AYC who so generously donate their time. From renovators, to organizers, to watch of the day --we appreciate you!

Marina invoices will not be going out until next week, we appreciate your patience while we make preparations for the return of catering at AYC!

Volunteers needed for Opening Regatta for setting up for meals, serving, clean up, etc. Contact Sheila English at entertainment@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca if you can lend a hand.

Some of you may have noticed that we installed new sensor switches in the washrooms. These sensors automatically turn on (and off) the lights and fans. We will also be installing a similar sensor in the shower as well. Just wait for the click!

FROM the YARD

Wet storage ends May 14 - We ask all members currently in wet storage to move to their assigned marina spaces. All marinas are now hooked up with the exception of half of H. If you are a new member and have not yet been assigned a space please see the Yard Foreman.

Gas and tender service starts May 15 - The yard staff is working hard to get all the preparations done in the yard. We will be set up as per the yard schedule for these services.

As work begins on vessels in the yard we ask that you review the Yard Rules. They are available on our web site at www.armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca. You may also pick up a copy at the office. Some additions were approved by last years COM and they will be added to the yard rules currently posted on the web site as soon as the document can be updated.

They are as follows:

1) Bilge water containing significant amounts of antifreeze or oil cannot be drained onto the ground when a boat is in dry storage. Similarly, contaminated bilge water cannot be pumped into the water when a boat is floating. Oil should first be removed from bilge water using oil adsorbing pads before being pumped out. Antifreeze which has spilled into the bilge should be pumped into containers and disposed of at an approved recycling centre.

2) Debris created from routine maintenance activities when a boat is in the yard should be cleaned up on a regular basis to prevent it from being dispersed by wind and water. This applies especially to dust and paint flakes resulting from the removal of bottom paint. Brooms and shovels are available from the yard crew for this purpose. If the yard crew has to clean up around a boat in dry storage, the boat owner will be billed for that time. This rule is in effect at any time a boat is in the yard, not just after launch.

3) Any sanding done while the boat is in the yard must be done with consideration to neighbouring boats. For major sanding jobs, tarps should be draped from the boat to minimize the dispersion of dust. Wet sanding and scraping are strongly encouraged to minimize airborne dust. Any boat owner has the right to request that tarps be used to contain the dust from bottom sanding on an adjacent boat. This request can be made directly to the boat owner or to the AYC business office.

4) Any major repair or reconstruction work being done on a boat while floating, should be done with consideration to neighbouring boats. That may involve protecting adjacent boats with tarps and/or periodically cleaning those boats affected by the airborne dust.

5) Littering anywhere on the club premises is strongly forbidden. Boat owners are required to clean up litter in the vicinity of their boats in dry storage even if the litter was created by someone else. When disposing of garbage, it is not permitted to use the garbage cans at the entrance to each marina if they are already full. In this case, garbage must be deposited in the dumpster's located at the east end of the jail house.

BURGEE EDITOR's Note
by MARY KEDDY

MOM: she's the one who brought you into the world. The one who, from the first moment she saw you, supported you in every circumstance - and will love you unconditionally no matter what.

MOTHER'S DAY: has different origins in the many places around the world where it is celebrated. The modern Mother's Day we celebrate in Canada is from the original US celebration which was created at the start of the 20th century by Anna Jarvis as a day for each family to honour its mother. Carnations were the first flower to represent the modern Mother's Day. Anna gave a white carnation to every person at one of the earliest celebrations of Mother's Day. Anna chose the carnation because it was her mother's favourite flower. Thus, she started the custom of wearing a carnation on Mother's Day. The purity of a woman's love has to do with devotion and kindness, and the giving of flowers acknowledges that devotion.

On Mother's Day, many of us will also follow the tradition of being taken/or taking our mom out for a meal. Not surprising, then, that this is one of the busiest day of the year for restaurants. Our dining room at AYC is no exception, where a Special Brunch is scheduled for Sunday, May 10 from 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM (advance ticket purchase at the AYC office). Whether or not you are a Mom, you should not miss this treat...so I hope I see you there!



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

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One Step, Two Step, Slide

Two sailors meet each other on a pier.
Both are dragging their right foot as they walk.
One points to his foot and says, "Pearl Harbour, World War II!"
The other points and says, "Seagull crap, 20 feet back!"

Source: MyBoatClub.com



COMMODORE'S COLUMN
by **TOMMY HARPER**

Hello Fellow Members,

We're into May, and the yard is starting to hum with activity of people preparing their vessels for the upcoming boating season. So let's all work safely and wear appropriate protective gear and clean up our work area when finished. Thanks to everyone who is rolling up their shrink wrap and leaving it by the dumpster for recycling.

The marine railroad is working well, as was expected after the sprucing up by Connor's Diving and the AYC yard staff.

I am also pleased to announce that food services will be available at AYC starting May 9/09. Check it out - come once, come often! Hours of operation are posted in this edition of The Burgee. On Mother's Day, treat all Moms to AYC's Brunch Special - a buffet that is sure to please the palette - advance tickets are on sale at the office.

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



Interesting Links:

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

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Environment Canada - Marine Forecast Halifax Harbour and Approaches:
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Around the SCUTTLEBUTT

Interested in finding out more about...have an idea/suggestion 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. Your
correspondence will be responded to (as applicable),
and/or printed in an upcoming issue.*

Thanks to wrote to the Scuttlebutt...here's some from our 'Inbox':



Dear Scuttlebutt,

I would like to suggest that the new tender which is Wade's baby be named after Wade in honour of his lengthy employment at AYC. I believe this would be a fitting tribute for an employee who has stayed through thick and thin and has dealt with all the personalities of the volunteer COM over the years.

Sadie Hardiman

This e-mail sparked the brilliant idea to run a contest to 'name that boat'! However, the idea was quickly extinguished when we learned the boat already has a name, thanks very much - the Ceilidh - and don't you know it's supposed to be bad luck to change the name of a boat. So we won't mess with that!

But Sadie's e-mail sparked another idea for a **contest** you can enter -find the mistake in April's issue of The Burgee, and you could win a mystery prize! We'll declare the fifth e-mail sent to this column which identifies the 'mistake' we're looking for (no credit for finding a different one!) as the winner. Deadline for entries is May 24/09.



Dear Scuttlebutt,

The rumour has it the club will be open for business serving gourmet lunches and brunches with attending bar service. Kudos to all who are involved with Dave Hickey's Design Team. I think we should all have a look at 'Super-Dave' and his multi-faceted personal talents. As you all know, Dave was the Project Manager in the remodeling of the clubhouse staff and Boardroom bathroom, and now he pops up as the ultimate pizza chef!



I would like to recognize Dave for his tireless volunteerism, and encourage others to follow his example of altruism in its finest form.

The new marinas that Wade and his crew constructed this winter are being launched this week. They will certainly be an added improvement to the AYC facilities. Kudos to the yard staff. I also notice that Don Webster is following around the marinas like a new father giving birth to his first child. Good job, Don!

Well it's time to sign off and get back to the lido deck for some more R & R! 'Til next time,

Captain Nemo

This month's question...

Do you have favourite recipes you prepare on the boat? We received a few comments on the 'boat recipe' that was printed in the April issue of The Burgee. Apparently some of you have some pantry delights you don't mind sharing...please do!

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

Good Spring to you all!

As you may know by now, things at the club are at 'startup'. We have an interim food provider in place and that will all be starting on Saturday, May 9/09. There will be brunch on Saturdays & Sundays, and lunch service starting the following week on Wednesdays through Fridays.

We have been working very hard with the Design Team to come up with solutions for the club, and I am happy to say we're on the home stretch now. We should have data and a presentation ready for the membership in early June.

In the mean time, the club is open as much as we can staff it. The "Watch Of The Day" has been underway for most of April and now into May. We still need a few more volunteers for the weekend shifts, so please let me know if you are able & willing to help out.

The year's sailing and cruise schedules are ready and we look forward to 'back on the water' activities.

There have been a few challenges this year at the club, but the COM and our Club Manager, Christine, have been working very hard to get a solution for house operations, yard issues and the launch start-up.

I thank all these great people who have put many hours in on many meetings, work teams and even doing work at home for the benefit of the AYC membership. To all members on these committees, well done and my thanks! To Christine, well done and thank you for all your extra efforts.

See you at the club, or on the water!

Yours Aye!

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Nautical Chuckles

Nautical Lingo 1

An ensign on sea duty for the first time overheard a recruit say he was going downstairs. "Listen, sailor," he snarled, "Downstairs is below, that side is starboard, that's aft and that's portside. If I ever hear you say one more civilian word like "downstairs" again I'll throw you through that little round window over there!"

Missed Step

The captain of the cruise liner fell down the stairs on to the promenade deck. The cruise director saw him fall and rushed to his aide. "Captain," he said, " did you miss a step?"
"No," said the captain, " I'm pretty sure I hit every one!"

Source: MyBoatClub.com

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DIRECTOR, SAIL TRAINING Report by DALE COURAGE

Hi Membership,

It is still early spring yet but already preparations are in full swing for the 2009 AYC Learn to Sail (LTS) Program. The following is an update:

- A LTS subcommittee has been formed with Greg Haverstock and Karen Smith who have volunteered to help me. Thanks Greg and Karen. Any other interested persons are still welcome and any suggestions or recommendations for this years LTS Program can be sent to my club email address as listed in The Burgee.

- There has been some discussion with last year's instructors and the club staff to review any lessons learned and recommendations from last years operation. Any suggestions or observations from others are still welcome.

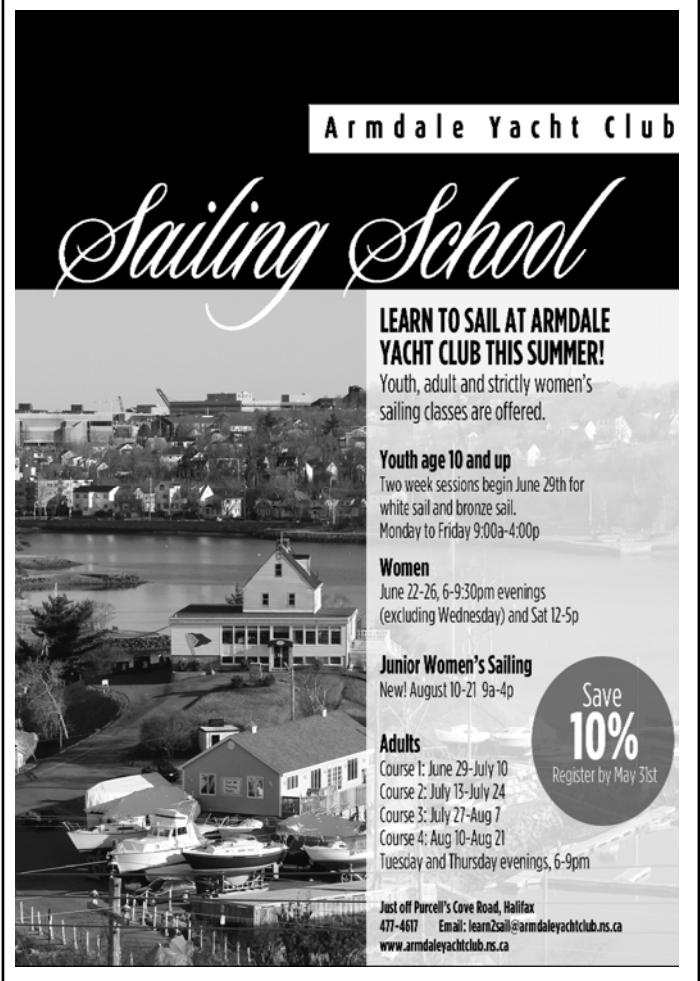
- The instructor hiring process has started for this season and (3) Instructors have been approached. The successful candidates will be announced in the next report when finalized.

- The LTS Program information and schedules have been updated on the AYC web site and brochures & applications updated for use.

- Advertising in a few select magazines and papers has started, more to come. Again any special suggestions will be considered.

- Advertising posters in schools will start in May and hopefully a couple of AYC representatives will get the opportunity to make a presentation to interested students in some schools.

- Good news - a recommendation from the last couple of years has been achieved as a new Coach Boat has been made available to the LTS instructor team. We have taken over the Club tender which has been replaced recently. The yard staff has already painted and spruced up the boat and it is ready to go for this season.



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Welcome New Members By Christine Bray

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

Social

Aulden Campbell

Senior

Lawrence Conrad & Associate, Andrew Lantz;

Boat Type: Chris Craft 336-Amerosport;

Boat Name: Moon Shadow

Derek Hounsell & Associate, Cherie Schelleman;

Boat Type: Cruisers Inc;

Boat Name: Good Credit

Russell Saunders & Associate, Sandra Saunders;

Boat Type: Beneteau 351 Oceanus;

No boat name yet

Your fellow members look forward to meeting you!

Falling Overboard, First Avoid It!

People fall overboard, it happens and it is not rare. Never happened on your boat? If your answer is no then one of two things must be true. 1) You practice most of the rules to avoid people falling overboard or 2) you have been very lucky and it just hasn't happened...yet!

It is important to schedule regular drills on your recovery procedure for person(s) overboard. One quick word on "Drills". Make them just that ...a drill with everyone in Pfd's. You are not supposed to create a realistic situation and then see how everyone performs!

OK, lets concentrate on not falling overboard.

1. "One hand for the ship--one hand for yourself' In other words "Grab hold of something and don't let go unless you have grabbed something else!". Another good rule is to always try to maintain three points of contact at all times. Either two feet and one hand or two hands and one foot.

2. Avoid alcohol.

3. Do not sit on gunwales or seat backs.

4. Skippers, warn your passengers of all manoeuvres. Surprised passengers, especially during turns and changes in speed, will become unstable quickly and vulnerable to falling.

5. Wear the right footwear and be aware of slippery or uneven surfaces.

6. Save the horse-play for your destination while anchored. Any skipper worth his or her salt would never tolerate horse-play while underway!

7. As always it is a good idea for everyone to wear Pfd's at all times, especially while underway.

Source: MyBoatClub.com

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH SPECIAL IN 'THE CHART ROOM' AT AYC

SUNDAY, MAY 10/09

11:00 AM - 2:30 PM

BY

CHEFS by DESIGN & TAREK'S CAFÉ

Menu: Vanilla French Toast with a Wild Blueberry Sauce; Classic Eggs Benedict; Scrambled Eggs with Snipped Chives; Bacon/Breakfast Sausage/Ham; Atlantic Fish Cakes; Breakfast Potatoes; Fruit Salad; Assorted Breads; Assorted Cakes and Pastries; Chocolate Fountain with Fresh Fruit to

Dip!!

Juice / Coffee / Tea

\$15.95 per person, children 13 and under \$10.95 + tax

Pick up tickets at the AYC office, or call Christine at 477-4617 to purchase by phone

FLEET CAPTAIN, SAIL
Report by PAUL BEZANSON

The Race Schedule is complete and is posted on the Web site. Wednesday nights start May 20th.

The first keel boat race in Nova Scotia is the Icebreaker race scheduled for May 9.

The next event is the Armdale Yacht Club Opening Regatta which runs May 16, May 17 and May 18. On Friday May 15th is our annual Lobster dinner.

Hope to see you there!



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AYC ICE BREAKER RACE; MAY 9/09

Registration 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM; Skipper's Meeting 12:00 Noon; First Signal 1:00 PM



EASY TO REMEMBER IT BY:
'Port wine is RED, it is all that is LEFT'.

Note from Entertainment Chair SHEILA ENGLISH

First of all, a huge thank-you to my very capable Committee who kept things going during my two month absence. I've heard rave reviews about the St. Patty's Day party and the Pizza Party. Way to go team!

Our most recent event was the Beach Party. Attendance was light, but the 50 or so people who did attend had a great time.

The next big event at AYC is the Opening Regatta May 15 – 18. All members and guests are welcome to attend the brunches, dinners and dances. You don't have to be a racer to join in the fun!

Bands booked for the Opening Regatta are:

Gypsy – A Tribute to Fleetwood Mac – Friday, May 15 - following the Lobster Dinner

Metro – Saturday, May 16 – following the Steak/Chicken Dinner

It looks like our catering issues will be resolved just in time for boating season. It is our intent to work with the caterer and management to try to improve attendance at club functions. We are considering some new events such as wine tasting and a casino night. Comments are welcome or if you have other ideas please let me know.



BEACH PARTY - April 25/09

Photos Courtesy of Sheila English



Left: Bartenders,
Jan & Pam

Below: Bruce Wheaton & 'The Brucettes'
(Parker, Lindsay, Rob)

Below Left: Sharon King, Diana Wolfe,
Melissia Drillio

Below Right:
Mike Lawrence, Janice Cook



...MORE BEACH PEOPLE...



Top Left: Melissia Drillio, Bill English, Janice Cook

Top Right: Jim & Anna, Kellie & Brian
Middle Left: Sisters, Amy & Kristen Lawrence

Below Left: Paul Barr, just back from 'the beach'

Below Right: Bill English & his 'Spanish Lady', Sheila



May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 AYC IceBreaker Regatta 1:00 PM /performance cup 1
10 Mother's Day Brunch Special 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM 	11	12 COM Meeting 6:45 PM	13 AYC Lunch Service Begins	14	15 Tender Service starts	16 AYC Opening Regatta 1:00 PM; Sk dinner & dance TBD AYC Weekend Brunch Service Starts
17 AYC Opening Regatta 1:00 PM; Chix dinner & dance TBD	18 Victoria Day  AYC Opening Regatta 1:00 PM	19	20 Spring Series (1/6) 6:30 PM	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Spring Series (2/6) 6:30 PM	28	29	30
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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
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
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