



Gersemi Skipper, Paul Bezanson, first mate, Lynn Sawyer, and crew after Metro Area Regatta 2nd Place finish A Class

- Photo Courtesy of Lynn Sawyer -



**Dates to Reserve in November!**

*Saturday Market,  
November 7th*

*AYC AGM,  
November 10th*

*Commodore's Ball,  
November 21st*

*Grey Cup Party,  
November 29th*

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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.

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pertaining to

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### **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.

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



The past few months have been active on the social front at AYC with a number of sailing races including the Metro Area Regatta, Harbour Island Classic, and AYC Championship, as well as other events such as the Poker Run, Photo-tainment and CPS. Speaking of photos, a note of appreciation to Lynn Sawyer who sent several great shots of the sailing races. Her contributions are shared in this issue for all to enjoy!

The chill in the air seems early this year, 'though that's probably not the case since even before we turn the clocks back (November 1st at 12:01 AM this year), I catch myself going through a denial period where I'll bundle up in multi-layers of clothing and refuse to turn up the thermostats - as if this would somehow hold off the winter months for a while longer! I've been reading about how to stay warm this winter, and I see tips like: shut the windows (duh!); wear warm clothes (check!); have warm food and drinks (beer battered anything and hot totties?!); and stay in one place (not that difficult when you're almost frozen stiff!). But I know a better way...attend indoor functions at AYC!

The end of October is creeping up on us and I think I'm now decided on (I've only changed my mind a few dozen times!) what I'm going to dress up as for AYC's Halloween Dance. It's always interesting and often a good laugh to see the creative ability that comes out in us for such a function. Certainly, the Entertainment Committee has given us incentive to make the effort by providing prizes for the most original, funniest and scariest costumes. And then there's lots of clubhouse activities continuing into November, as Sheila English informs us elsewhere in this issue.

It's great to see, by the turnout at every AYC event, verification of the theory that all members need is a reason to 'be there'! So be sure to do your part in support of our club and participate in the events so that we can have a 'full house' to keep us warm through the coming weeks and months!

**From the OFFICE**  
By CHRISTINE BRAY, AYC Manager



We have our fuel rebate program for AYC members again this year. Please gather your fuel receipts and submit them to the office by the deadline of December 15, 2009.

We wish to advise the membership that there are no longer any bar tabs at AYC. We ask members to come prepared with cash, credit or debit cards for food and/or beverages purchased. The bar staff does not have the authority to change this policy. We thank you in advance for your cooperation!

If you need fuel, the extended hours have passed for the summer season; however, you can purchase fuel during regular yard hours. Fuel service will no longer be offered on evenings and weekends.

Please stay well clear of the railway area, skidder, tractor and other equipment when the yard staff is in the process of hauling. If you are advised to move your vehicle or to clear the work area, we ask that you comply immediately with any directions from the yard staff. Member cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated!

Please ensure that children spending time at the club and in the yard are supervised at all times.

We are now full into haul out season! Please inspect your cradles in advance of your launch date. If you have questions about possible work required, talk to one of our yard staff who can advise you on any work that needs to be done.

Winter storage bills were sent out in early October. This is the last invoicing of the season! Our new billing schedule for 2010 will be established after the AGM on November 10th.



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Dan Pride with the Commodore of RNSYS, Matt Murphy, and Vice Commodore Sail Training, Judy Robertson, accepting his Trophy, A Class winner after Metro Area Regatta.

### Interesting Links

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[http://weather.ec.gc.ca/marine/marine\\_e.html?44258](http://weather.ec.gc.ca/marine/marine_e.html?44258)

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

Free buy/sell/trade service for boaters  
(Atlantic Canada)

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

Free post/view boats for sale:

<http://www.usedboatsstore.com>

### AYC DARTS LEAGUE

Thursday, October 29th, 7:00 PM

Lower WARDROOM

Experienced and new players  
welcome!

Contact Dee Hill at 423-8773, or just  
show up on the night!



**HALLOWEEN DANCE**  
**Saturday – October 31, 2009**  
**9:00 PM - 1:00 AM**

**Music by DJ - Admission \$5**

**Prizes for best costume in following categories:**

**Most Original**

**Funniest**

**Scariest**

**1 Honourable Mention**

## News from the DIRECTOR SAIL TRAINING By DALE COURAGE



The 2009 sail training season was a success with registration numbers a little higher than last season and several good memories taken away by the many students. I would like to thank Nik Himmelman (Head Instructor), Alex Simpson, Chelsea Davidson, and Andy Richards (part-time) for their professional instruction and, of course, their success in giving the AYC students an enjoyable experience. The Instructors have also passed along thanks again to Christine and the yard staff for their support throughout the summer. I would also like to thank Greg Haverstock for his support to myself and the Learn To Sail (LTS) program again this year. Below are a few comments from the Head Instructor's Year End Report.

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*(Excerpt from Report)*

### Season Highlights and Outline

Our Optimist program continued to grow and we were able to support one high quality Optimist racer at all the major events this summer. Our Adult program was another success, with full registration for two out of the four sessions. The children's lessons were again of the highest quality and continue to receive positive feedback from students and their parents. In total, 72 students (35 adults, 37 youth) received instruction at AYC this summer and out of the 37 day students we had 17 kids take multiple sessions. This shows the quality of the day-to-day program. With this strong foundation we can plan for the future of Junior Sailing at AYC.

### The Future

With the recommendation of several new 420's in mind I think the future of AYC Junior Sailing is a bright one. We finally have two reliable coach boats and an enthusiastic core of returning students. In the upcoming years there will be between five and ten bronzes registered every summer. This is because the instructors have patiently developed a base of talent and ability. In the years before my tenure as Head Instructor little opportunity for advancement beyond White Sail was given to the students; this summer we have passed seven Whites into the more advanced Bronze Sail levels and a similar number of students will pass into Bronze from White after next summer. The foundation has been built for a sustainable competitive sailing school. Future goals should be to maintain this healthy rate of advancement and provide students with a foundation from which to build a competitive race team.

### Students

One student in particular was very successful at the Optimist racing events this summer (reference September issue of The Burgee, Alex Simpson report on Brandon Murphy), and with the current direction of the sailing school, he should have others from AYC at the regattas with him next summer. This will raise the profile of AYC and contribute to the registration numbers in the future.

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So again, Congratulations to all the Instructors and the students. I think the enthusiasm rings clear in the words of the Instructors above and next year's LTS group will have a good base to continue to develop the AYC LTS Program and hopefully an AYC Junior Team. There were some lessons to be learned this season and recommendations have been made from all levels. We've had some healthy discussion which will be documented and passed along to next years COM.

## North West Arm Heritage Association

### An Illustrated Talk

**Note: This is an open meeting; all members of AYC and guests are welcome to attend.**

Date: Tuesday October 27, 2009

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Armdale Yacht Club

### **“York Redoubt’s Role in the Defence of Halifax” By Dr Carla Wheaton**

Dr Carla Wheaton: Educated at Memorial University of Newfoundland (B.A. Honours, 1994; Ph.D. 2002) and York University (M.A., 1995). Dr. Wheaton began her career at Parks Canada in 2003 as the Site Supervisor for several national historic sites in Newfoundland and Labrador. In 2006, she accepted the position of Cultural Resource Manager with the Mainland Nova Scotia Field Unit of Parks Canada and is responsible for ensuring the protection and presentation of cultural resources within the field unit. As an historian, she has conducted research primarily in the areas of Canadian social and economic history.

### Reminder re ANNUAL FEES

Members are reminded that dues for the 2009-10 year are now due. These may be paid at the above meeting or by mail to the address below. Thank you for your continued support.

Mailing address for dues payments:

North West Arm Heritage Association  
c/o Agnes McLean  
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### **ARMDALE YACHT CLUB CRIBBAGE**

**STARTS  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2009**

**8:00PM**

**Upper Wardroom**

**\$5.00**

**Lots of prizes and fun!**

***Everyone welcome***

## Around the SCUTTLEBUTT

Interested in finding out more about...?

Do you have an idea/suggestion for improving the club...?

Is there anything you would like to see that is not being published in The Burgee?

The Scuttlebutt is an excellent avenue to request or suggest it! Send your comments/observations c/o Scuttlebutt to: [scuttlebutt@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca](mailto:scuttlebutt@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca).

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A letter FROM Scuttlebutt this month...

*History, anyone...?!*

*AYC is fortunate to have among us several members who possess a wealth of knowledge about our club. Some of them can often be heard telling stories of its history, as well as their own experiences here over the years and, from their descriptions, it's easy to imagine what it might have looked like around the AYC then. And since "a picture tells a thousand words", it might be nice to feature a "Flashback" item in The Burgee (similar to the weekly one the Halifax Community Herald carries). This way some could reminisce while others learn about the AYC's rich and vibrant past and all the changes the property and buildings have seen over the years.*

*If you have such photos you'd like to share, you are invited to submit a copy for publication in an upcoming edition of The Burgee. Of course, as always, letters and articles are also welcome. Let's see if we can find out how much of AYC's history is 'floating' around out there among us... Looking forward to your input!*



## AYC SATURDAY MARKET!



November 7, 2009

12:00 Noon - 3:30 PM

AYC Clubhouse

The best market on the Arm will have an array of things for sale.

Look for items A through Z - new or used!



This is a great opportunity to get a jump on your Christmas shopping!

Enjoy brunch



in the AYC Dining Room, then take in the "show and sell" at the market.



Sellers set up at 11:00 AM.

Display tables are available to sellers for \$5.00 each and must be booked in advance. To reserve your table, e-mail

Sheila English at

[entertainment@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca](mailto:entertainment@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca)

After-market matinee with live entertainment to follow the market!



**Notes from the ENTERTAINMENT CHAIR**  
**By SHEILA ENGLISH**

Seems like summer just started and already it's over! Now that boating season is coming to a close, it's time to start planning some fun fall/winter activities to get us through those long months until we can get back on the water again. A good way to keep in touch with your fellow boaters, who you may not see all winter, is to attend the social events at AYC or just drop by for a drink or an occasional meal in the dining room. Your Entertainment Committee has several events planned from now until the end of the year.

On October 31<sup>st</sup> we will hold our annual Halloween Dance. Music will be provided by DJ Andrew Arsenault. Andrew is the DJ who played at McGrath's Cove for the past few years and kept the crowd on their feet all night. It's not *mandatory* that you come in costume but there will be great prizes for - the most original, the scariest and the funniest costumes, as well as one honourable mention.

There are three events on the calendar in November, the first being the Saturday Market on November 7<sup>th</sup>. If you have items to sell, arts and crafts, flea market items, baked goods or whatever, this is a great opportunity to showcase your talents or wares and/or make some extra cash. The Market will start at noon and run until 3:30 pm and will be followed by a Matinee with live entertainment.

The Annual Commodore's Ball will be held on November 21<sup>st</sup> and a fantastic band, the legendary "Echoes", have been booked for the dance. Watch for further details in upcoming eNews.

The third event in November will be another "AYC first". Plans are underway for a Grey Cup Party on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Pre-game warm up with live entertainment will start at 5:00 PM and then you can watch the game, starting at 7:00 PM on a big screen TV. There will be betting boards, food and more. You don't have to be a football fan to attend. Again, watch for details in eNews.

We wrap up the year with our New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance and the New Year's Day Levee. Dance music for New Year's Eve will be provided by "Metro". All the details will be in the next issue of The Burgee.

If you have questions regarding any of these events or any suggestions, please email me at [entertainment@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca](mailto:entertainment@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca).



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## 2nd Annual AYC Photo Contest Winners Announced

AYC took celebrating its annual Photo Contest results to a new level this year. Several members and their guests made an evening of it starting with a reservation in the dining room. After a delightful meal (compliments to the chef!), they joined others already gathered on the bar side where a slide show of the 2009 photo contest entries was running and a bit of fun creating captions for some of the photos was going on. Then several honourable mentions were announced, and the names and photos of the top three contest winners were revealed. Following that, Miles Gallagher and the boys of 'Miles from Nowhere' took the stage and rounded out the evening with a party "Armdale style"!

**1st Prize - Gerald Hann - Sailing; \$100. Voucher for AYC Branded Merchandise**



**2nd Prize - Jeff Larsen - Summer Trip  
\$50. Voucher for AYC Branded  
Merchandise**



**3rd Prize - Diana Wolff - Sunset in the Arm  
\$25. Voucher for AYC Branded Merchandise**



Members enjoyed creating captions for honourable mentions and other entries prior to the announcement of the contest winners.

While the judges thoroughly enjoyed each and every photo entered, there were a number of honourable mentions, as shown below (clockwise): Bobby Beaulieu (Flower); Lynn Sawyer (Tiny Star); Jeff Rowe (Asleep On Foredeck); Rob Gosse (Raft-Up); Gerald Hann (Noah Hann Fishing at Armdale); Anthony Yue (Genoa Checks Rig); David White (Rainbow); Tam & Glen Fawcett (Salty Dogs) .



Event n photos courtesy of Mary Keddy

Following the photo-tainment, 'Miles from Nowhere' kept the dance floor lively!



Plans are to repeat the contest again next summer, so have a camera ever-ready - you never know when the opportunity for that winning shot will present itself!

**FLEET CAPTAIN, CRUISE Report**  
**By TERRY HILL**



Well its been a nice summer this past September...I have no clue as to what happened to the rest of it what with rain, fog and cold. Anyway, moving on, I would like to report that with the help of the usual core of volunteers we held a very successful Poker Run on October 3rd. We had 43 boats registered, 120 poker hands played and-about the same number of meals served afterwards. We couldn't have asked for better weather, it was one of the sunniest days of the year. We rounded the evening out with live music by the very talented Floyd King. All in all, I think every body that took part had a great day on the water and in the club.

Our next Cruise function was to be was the Thanksgiving Raft-up, Unfortunately, there was not much response this year as many of the regular participants had prior commitments.

One last thing - a trophy is awarded each year to an AYC member for "Longest Cruise". If you have done a cruise and think your trip may take the prize, send your name and trip details to me at [cruise@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca](mailto:cruise@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca) by November 12th!

Best regards to everybody!

**AYC BY LAW REVIEW**  
**By Christine Bray, AYC Manager**

The Bylaws review is now complete. An email with attachment of the proposed changes was sent to those with an email address on file with AYC. We will also be sending out a paper version shortly. We ask all Senior, Life and Intermediate members to send their responses to [admin@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca](mailto:admin@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca) by October 31st. Please type "Bylaw Comments" in the subject line to ensure that your comments can be included.



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*The* **BINNACLE**

The September issue of The Burgee gave a sneak preview of the Harbour Island Classic with the photo below (courtesy of Lynn Sawyer)...**HARBOUR ISLAND CLASSIC WINNERS, + 1, September 12th** - Bad Daddy, skippered by Scott Lorette with crew Luke & Ryan Gallant, nephews of Paul Bezanson, Fleet Captain Sail, and Scott's son, Zac. See more next page...



**FLEET CAPTAIN, SAIL Report**  
**By PAUL BEZANSON**



All Wednesday and Thursday night racing has been completed for the season. "Heatwave", skippered by Greg Baker, won the Wednesday Night Fall Series in Spinnaker Class. "Bonnie Jean", skippered by Brad Blackford, won the Wednesday Night Fall Series in Non-Spinnaker Class. Nancy Morrison skippered "Heatwave" to victory in the Second Thursday Night Women's Series.

The Harbour Island Classic was completed on September 12th. The weather was pleasant with light southwesterly winds, which turned the race into a *reacharama*. "Bad Daddy", skippered by Scott Lorette, ruled the day. "Gersemi", skippered by Paul Bezanson, was second with Jason Penney's "Rattle and Hum" third.

The Armdale Club Championship was decided on October 3rd. It was the closest series in recent memory with five boats in contention on the last day. In the end, two boats were tied in points and the winner had to be determined by a tiebreaker. Finally "Rattle and Hum", chartered and skippered by Francis Tibbetts, won the championship. "Highlander", skippered by Dan Pride, was second and "Gersemi", skippered by Paul Bezanson, was third. Francis has now won the Club Championship a record seven times!

The "Die Hard", the final Keelboat race in Nova Scotia, will be sailed at AYC on October 24th. Hope to see you there!

**Harbour Islands Classic**

Below: Rattle'n Hum leads this parade through the gut in the Harbour Island Classic



Above: Ken Bell & Don Longard aboard Jete in the Harbour Island Classic

Below: Gersemi skipper, Paul Bezanson, and cockpit crew, Vince Hubley, Bill MacMillan. Kevin Bezanson & Lynn Sawyer, making their way through the gut during the Harbour Island Classic (photo credit Daisuke Hasegawa).



Above: Good times had by all during the Harbour Island Classic....the two boats could almost touch!

Photos Courtesy of Lynn Sawyer

Below: Liz Whyte (centre) and crew Margo (left) and Jan (right) aboard Rogue Wave apres Harbour Islands Race



Left: Norman and Becky aboard Rumble

Right: Karen Smith and her stylish friends after the Harbour Island Classic.



Far Right: Peter Blunden aboard Life of Reilly just after he finished the Harbour Island Classic - behind him is Paulette Jensen, also in the photo is Fred Guptil and Mark Jollimore

### Harbour Islands Classic (cont'd.)

Right: Parker and Robert whooping it up after Parker won the draw.



Bruce Weaton and "the Robettes" at the Harbour Island Classic party.... present in this photo are Parker Noonan, Zoe Nudell and Robert Sampson.

### AYC Club Championship

Below: Left - Paul Bezanson, Fleet Captain of Sail congratulating Francis Tibbetts, 7th time winner of the AYC Club Championship; Centre - Francis Tibbetts and his crew after his 7th Club Championship victory; Right - Club Championship second place finishers' skipper Dan Pride and the crew of Highlander.



### AYC Poker Run



Below: 1st - A happy crew after the Poker Run on October 3rd;  
 2nd - Janine D'eon aboard Order of Good Cheer approaching AYC after her solo journey around the Poker Run course;  
 3rd - Foxglove & Friends (Top Row: Janice & Marge and First Row: Shelley, Liz, Christine and Captain Krista);  
 4th - These folks really wanted to win...meet the Seventeen Hand Lawrences!



Photos Courtesy of Lynn Sawyer

**Mission to Seafarers Christmas Shoe Box Campaign**  
**By Karen Smith**



Each year during the holiday season the Mission to Seafarers distributes gift boxes of much needed items to seafarers who arrive at the Port of Halifax. The Halifax Mission to Seafarers is a Canadian non-profit charity and depends on the support of the local community and churches. The Seafarers Centre on the Halifax waterfront provides a place where close to 15,000 seafarers a year, from around the world, can relax away from their ships, get local information, find help with problems, and phone or email their loved ones.

We are inviting members and friends of Armdale Yacht Club to fill a shoe box as a holiday gift to fellow mariners. To follow is a list to guide you in filling your shoe box. They should be Men's items only:

Warm clothing accessories: Hat, Scarf, Mitts/Gloves, Socks

Personal Care Items: Soap, Deodorant, Shampoo, Shaving Cream, Disposable Razors, Tooth Brush, Tooth Paste, etc

Other items: Note Paper, Envelopes, Pen, Post Cards, Hard Candy (no chocolate or cookies), a small memento (optional), Greeting Card (optional)

Shoe Boxes will be received at Armdale Yacht Club, Upper Wardroom on Sunday December 15th, between 12:00 noon and 3:00pm. If you cannot drop them at the club that afternoon, they can be delivered to our Business Office during office hours either Thursday, December 12th or Friday, December 13th. If neither of these options work with your schedule, please contact me and I will arrange a time to get your box when it is convenient with you, prior to December 15th (karensmith66@eastlink.ca or 482-6532). I will be delivering all completed boxes to the The Seafarers Centre on Monday December 16th.

For the safety and security of the Mission to Seafarers and to protect prospective seafarers, all alcohol and sharp knives (jack knives, etc.) are prohibited by law. Please do not wrap the Shoe Boxes. The Christmas wrap for the box can be folded and placed inside the box for later wrapping. If you wish, the top and bottom of the shoe box can be covered in Christmas wrap separately such that the lid can be remove without unwrapping the box. Once they are received by the Mission, each shoe box is then inspected and wrapped according to the Canadian Customs Procedures and Regulations.

Though most of us are not ocean-going working seafarers, Im sure that we as boaters can appreciate how difficult the conditions at sea can be at times and sometimes just a warm hat at sea, or the ability to contact your family when you reach shore, makes all the difference. We thank you in advance for your generosity and kindness toward you fellow sailor during this holiday season.

*AYC Annual General Meeting*  
*November 10, 2009, 7:00 PM*  
*All Senior & Life Members Encouraged to Attend*


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October						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 AYC Club Championships Race 3 - 1:00 PM; Performance Cup 8; Poker Run
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Thanksgiving Raft-Up
11	12 Thanksgiving Day 	13 COM Meeting 6:45 PM	14	15	16 Photo- tainment & Miles from Nowhere	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Die Hard Race 1:00 PM Also Performance Cup 9
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween Dance 

November						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 Turn the clock back at 12:01 AM!	2	3 COM Meeting 6:45 PM	4	5	6	7 Saturday Market 12:00 Noon - 3:30 PM
8	9	10 Annual General Meeting 7 PM	11 Remembrance Day 	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Commodore's Ball & Awards
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Grey Cup Party 5:00 PM
29	30					