



THE BURGEE

April 2010

(Issue 3)



<----- COMING SOON...!!
 Meantime,
 the Yard is buzzing
 with the sweet sounds
 of preparations
 for smooth
 cruising/sailing
 into the
 upcoming boating season!

SAFETY FIRST!
 &
 KEEP THE YARD CLEAN/
 DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS
 MATERIALS, AS REQUIRED!

*Photo: RAINBOW AT CLUB
 by David White
 (2009 AYC Photo Contest Entry)*

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 25 - COMMODORE'S TEA
 APRIL 29 - SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
 MAY 9 - MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH
 May 15 - AYC ICE BREAKER
 May 19 - SPRING RACE SERIES START
 MAY 21 - TENDER SERVICE STARTS
 MAY 22 - AYC OPENING REGATTA WEEKEND

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AYC HOURS - Effective Until April 30, 2010

OFFICE - Monday – Friday 9 AM – 12 Noon & 1 - 4 PM; Closed Saturday & Sunday

BAR - Wednesday 4 - 8 PM; Thursday & Friday 11 AM – 10 PM; Saturday 11 AM – 8 PM; Sunday 11 AM – 6 PM ;
 Closed Monday & Tuesday

DINING ROOM - Thursday & Friday Lunch 11 AM – 2 PM; Saturday & Sunday Brunch 11 AM – 2 PM; Thursday &
 Friday Dinner 5:30 – 9 PM; Closed Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

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AYC office at 477-4617 to arrange to receive a paper copy of The Burgee.

Submissions for eNews & The Burgee

Articles, photos & illustrations will be considered subject to space/topic and may be edited for length and readability. Articles with photos should have the photos attached separately. Photos should be in JPEG format with content/subject labeled.

Deadline for eNews - Tuesday at NOON to aycnewsletter@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca.

Announcements for AYC Events appear in AYC eNews, as well as The Burgee free of charge.

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 2010

January/February

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

March 15

- Senior Dues final
- Capital Project Fund (Senior Members only)
- Social, Out Port Dues

1st week in May

- Marina/Mooring/Summer Storage
- Spar Storage
- Winter Power (for wet winter storage 09/10)

1st week in October

- Winter Storage
- Summer Power (summer 10)
- Summer Trailer Storage

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

Other Deadlines

Resignation - February 15

To Sign Up for Payment Plan - Feb 27

Submit Fuel Rebate Receipts - Dec 15

YARD SCHEDULE 2010

April 19th

1st launch of 2010

May 21st

- tender service starts

- gas dock opens

October 11th

- tender service ends

- gas dock hours are reduced to

Mon - Fri 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

November 19th

- gas dock closes for winter season

- last day for haul out

PLEASE NOTE: 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, 2010.

EDITOR'S NOTE

By Mary KEDDY



I was sitting on the 'lido deck' of the Miquelon and watching all the activity in the Yard - mostly members going about the business of preparing their vessel for the upcoming boating season. It's nice to see the variety of people and activities going on. It demonstrates how harmoniously we can all get along even though each of us may be pursuing different goals.

This observation prompted me to think about what a club membership is. Generally speaking, it's a group of people who share a common interest or have a common background or common goals banding together to achieve something that they, as individuals or smaller groups, could not accomplish. It's a relatively simple philosophy...it's obvious we can achieve a lot as a group...however, in practice it does have its challenges.

Working effectively together as a group isn't always easy. It means being tolerant of other people's preferences and sensitivities to the extent that sometimes it overrides our own interests. That, in turn, translates into 'sometimes we get what we want and others times not so much'. There are obligations that go along with being a club member too. Sometimes it's not easy and - as with any relationship we value enough to want to maintain - it requires constant desire and effort to make things work...in this case for the benefit of the group (or the greater good). Things like compromise, flexibility and respectful consideration of other people's interests, opinions and positions - sometimes concerning things that don't directly benefit us - are among necessary conditions to having a healthy and participatory club membership. At the very least, we should exercise common courtesy and genuinely attempt to make a positive contribution to the group.

I'm not suggesting individual members shouldn't care about their own interests; however, those should be well balanced along with the best long-term interests of our club in mind. Whether our reason for being a member of this club is cruising, sailing, social activities, volunteerism and/or other, we should spend our energy appreciating what we have here at AYC and try not to denigrate or minimize our assets - in other words, think 'the glass is half full not half empty'! And on that note, I observe that my wine glass needs topping up! See you around!

LOOKING FOR A VENUE FOR YOUR SPECIAL EVENT, CASUAL GATHERING OR BUSINESS MEETING?



AYC Clubhouse

...YOU'VE ARRIVED AT THE RIGHT PLACE!

Outdoors or indoors, AYC can accommodate. Our Clubhouse is situated so that it provides one of the finest views on the Northwest Arm. Inside are several spacious rooms on three floors, including dining room, bar, lounge, bandstand and dance areas. Our friendly staff await you!

Our rental rates are:

Boardroom (seats 15 comfortably)

Members - expense recovery;

Non-Members - \$50. per day.

Upper Ward Room (up to 50, depending on set-up)

AND

Dining Room (seats 40 comfortably)

Members - \$100. (clean up fee), plus expense recovery

Non Members - \$300. with food; \$450. without food.

Note: If more than 75 people, additional charges for extra staff, etc., may apply.

Upper Ward Room **OR** Dining Room

Members - \$100. (clean up fee), plus expense recovery

Non Members - \$150. with food; \$225. without food

Lower Ward Room (accommodates 30)

Members - \$100. (clean up fee), plus expense recovery

Non Members - \$100. with food; \$150. without food.

(Note: If food over \$1,000., room rental may be waived.)

Contact the AYC Food & Beverage Manager, Patricia Myatt, at 477-7650 for details and availability.

Prices subject to change without notice.

COMMODORE'S CORNER

by Jim McBURNEY



It is good to be back after a few weeks in the southern USA. Anna and I, on a few occasions, had the opportunity to socialize with Club members who had also retreated from the ice and snow. AYC has a very long reach.

On my return I was so pleased to see that everything at the Club was running on more or less a normal path and have to thank the Vice Commodore, Paul Taylor, for taking the reins in my absence. I heard that business had picked up in the Food and Beverage domain but was unprepared for the onslaught that was "Margarita Ville". We have a deep pool of talent residing within our membership that was on display. The Hawaiian Shirt contest was fun, the sundress competition glamorous, but the white leg contest went beyond simple mortal explanation - you had to be there!

It looks like we are going to have to do some emergency funding to repair the roadway around the back of the clubhouse. We had a spring neap tide exacerbated by storm surge conditions and the water simply eroded the roadway. The repair is essential to move vessels in that area and we have to comply with regulations set out by the Fire Marshall as required by our insurance coverage. The Yard Chair will discuss this matter in detail in his report elsewhere in this issue of The Burgee.

Since my last submission in The Burgee, some of you took the opportunity to contact me with some outstanding concerns that you had. Believe it or not, it is sometimes very helpful for the Committee of Management to hear about these things. The more little things we can fix can sometimes avert the larger issues that grow out of them.

Next month hopefully we will all be covered in paint, fitting out the fleet and getting ready to get out on trial runs. Like you, I can't wait!

AYC By Laws/Documents

on the AYC web site

at

http://armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca/ayc_members.htm

"MARGARITAVILLE at AYC!"

Saturday, April 10th

Yeah!...'Twas the night the AYC Clubhouse turned Mexican, and it was the place to be!

Music provided by a DJ, as well as a number of our own very talented members set a merry mood!

Below, a group is seen "shaking a leg" at the audience who was judging the winner of a "white leg contest" - you know, the one Commodore Jim simply didn't have words for (see column at left)...well, good thing camera woman, Janice Ptak, was on the scene!!

In addition to refreshing Margarita's, a delicious Mexican Combo plate prepared by AYC's Chef 'Pedro' O'Shay was served up.

Oh, *felicitaciones*, Anna Chow, for winning the "white legs contest"! *Adelante, chica!*



VICE COMMODORE REPORT
by Paul TAYLOR



The sun is shining as I sit at my kitchen table, the tarps are coming off, and the sanders are buzzing in the yard. It's only a few weeks until depreciation season ends and boating season begins...and it promises to be a great summer at Armdale.

Several new members have applied to join the club and we are well on our way to meeting the new membership level on which the 2010 budget was based. We fully expect as the weather warms that we will see even more activity on this front. As well, members are increasing their use of the club and we are well ahead of last years food and beverage sales. Things are definitely looking up!

Patricia and the food and beverage team are working hard to constantly improve the service offerings to members by reviewing the brands we are stocking, considering new menu items, training our staff and upgrading our equipment. We continue to welcome your feed back and would love to hear your ideas and success stories. We appreciate your interest in finding ways to improve service and welcome any useful and practical suggestions. Only by knowing if we are meeting your standards can we be successful.

As noted in previous e-news, all arrangements are in place for members to prepay the \$200 minimum usage fee. Once paid, member's accounts are debited each time they use the food and beverage service. Feel free to talk to the Food & Beverage staff at any time, to make your

arrangements. Please allow two (2) business days for the payment to be recorded in our accounting system.

In order to make our food and beverage service as financially viable as possible and to address member's requests, we are moving forward to book various social events such as weddings, banquets and special occasions. These events are crucial to moving the operation forward to first a break even level and eventually, profitability. We ask for your cooperation this summer in using the Lower Wardroom when such events are occurring.

Unfortunately, we have also absorbed cost increases in our operation which are beyond our control, such as an increase in beer prices and the recent rise in the minimum wage. These costs must be passed on if we are to continue to make financial progress. Please be aware that you will likely see small price increases in the near future.

As a final note, I would continue to ask groups of five or more who intend to use the restaurant, to please make reservations with our staff. In that way, we can maximize the quality of the service while making the most efficient use of our staff and inventory.

See you in the yard, in the clubhouse and on the water.

AYC SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING: April 29, 2010; 7:00 PM
Plan to attend - your opinion and vote are IMPORTANT!

Members will receive formal notification and Agenda, in accordance with the By Laws

STORAGE OF VESSELS

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.

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



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FLEET CAPTAIN SAIL REPORT
by **MARK MacNEIL**

The 'Racing Meeting' was held March 27 and attended by about 25 souls. Not as big a turn out as has occurred in the heydays I recall so so long ago, but not bad either. And a sign of increasing interest. After all, what could be more fun than taking time at least once a week to enjoy your boat with friends?



I have a committee. Wayne Blackler is my enforcer – refer to an earlier note. Carl Baker can be counted on for all things feminine – err, I mean he'll be looking after the women's racing on Thursdays. Ron and/or Betty-Ann Field will be leading the fleet around the courses – just follow them. New member Jeff Nelson will be helping with race results – but don't tell him, I haven't asked him yet. And Karen Smith has agreed to keep making race posters for yet another year.

We went over the race schedule in detail and made a few changes over last year's version. Some highlights - we'll be having a 'seamanship' race on a Wednesday in August. And yes, that does mean that you'll have to sail backwards across the finish line. The Ketch Harbour race will be re-instated on the eve of Chester Race Week so you can enjoy a race on your way there if so inclined. The Shearwater Air Show will coincide with the Harbour Island Race in September. Aw shucks, thanks, it wasn't easy to convince them to bring the show back for our enjoyment as we sail along Eastern Passage. It was even harder to get the tide to cooperate with a high occurring late in the afternoon on race day – ideal for those of us who have dredged the passage more than once.

And, of course, Wednesday and Thursday racing galore and a good smattering of Saturday races. I'll get the final schedule to Christine for dissemination soon. The focus for Wednesday racing will be white sail and courses in front of the club. A separate start will be held for a spinnaker class only if numbers warrant. Otherwise, it is white sails only gentlemen and ladies.

There was some discussion about handicaps – there always is. The PHRF system currently in vogue includes an adjustable parameter which I suggested we could optimise for our fleet. I think I just said that we'll base it on the Riemann sectional curves that follow easily from

Einstein's tensor. Silence. No one wants to look a fool for missing out on that chapter of general relativity. Anyway, race the course and we'll figure out where you finish when you get to the club. Jeff and I like Keith's draft.

Oh ya, one other thing. We'll be having a relaxed evening of chat re the rules of racing – to be announced soon. As many know, the rules are to ensure fair play and gentlemanly conduct. So why do they get as clear as mud when anxiously attempting to get across the start line or around a busy mark? We'll investigate in a group circle. Please bring your drum.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

SUNDAY, MAY 9th



Buffet Menu

Caesar Salad

Cinnamon French Toast

Eggs Benedict

***Served with great accompaniments of
oven roasted potato, sausage, bacon, chef vegetable
Coffee or tea with a Specialty Dessert***

TWO SEATINGS

11:00 AM & 1:00 PM

\$22.50 (tax and gratuity not included)

Tickets available at the Bar

***Tickets must be purchased in advance
before April 26th, 2010***

NORTHWEST ARM HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

**presents
An Illustrated Talk
by
Donald Wyllie**

**Tuesday, April 27th
7:00 PM, Armdale Yacht Club**

All AYC members welcome to attend!

Industrial Heritage - Invisible Heritage?

The landscapes we live in are the result of interaction between the physical environment and society. In turn, society is shaped and influenced by legacy landscapes, and most of our landscape in Nova Scotia results from industrial activity.

Yet when you examine the Nova Scotia Heritage plan there is no mention of industrial heritage and little value appears to be placed on this pervasive influence on our lives. This talk will provide some local examples of industrial landscapes, and show how IHNS is working to research and preserve this important part of Nova Scotia's Heritage.

About the presenter: Donald Wyllie is the Chair of Industrial Heritage Nova Scotia (IHNS) and the leader of the development of the Survey of Industrial Archaeology of Nova Scotia (SIANS) database. A retired academic who taught geography and Irish and Scottish material culture for many years, he has had a life-long interest in industrial archaeology starting with the excavation of the Ballycastle Glassworks, Northern Ireland in 1974. His interests also include research and teaching in material culture, most recently at Saint Mary's University, and research on the industrial archaeology of grain elevators in Canada, in addition to his current work on SIANS.

The presentation will be followed
by the NWAH Association AGM.

Anyone interested in the Association
is welcome to attend.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE RE MINIMUM USAGE FEE (MUF)

The reinstatement of the Minimum Usage Fee (MUF) - requirement that all Senior and Social members spend a minimum of \$200.00 at the club on food and/or beverage each calendar year - was approved at the members' Special Meeting held on February 18, 2010.

Members may set up their account now by paying the \$200.00 MUF to one of the Food & Beverage (F & B) staff **in the Bar or Restaurant**. Once the payment is made your credit will be set up within two (2) business days. You can then start using your gift card! Please carry your AYC card to assist the F & B staff with the administration of the MUF. If you do not have a card for yourself and/or your associate, please contact the AYC office.

Please note, the MUF expires on December 31, 2010. Unused amounts may be transferred **before year's end** to any other member of the club. One transfer per member per year only.

Note: MUF invoices are being sent out this week; if you have not yet set up your account, please make your payment to one of the F & B Staff in the Bar or Restaurant.

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TREASURER'S REPORT
by Phil CURRIE



Well we have been busy on the financial side of AYC of late. We have been putting a lot of effort into making sure we have the Food and Beverage (F&B) operating efficiently and working towards, at the very least, a break even operation. Our strategy is to completely separate the F&B finances from the main accounts so we can get a very clear picture of the operation and we are working with an accountant to get this done properly. The greatest help in the F&B operation area will be member usage - it has been up and we thank you for that. I have been in for lunch often and I am very pleased to inform you that the food and the atmosphere has improved dramatically and getting better day by day.

In reference to other operations I have been working towards changing some of our account structures to give us a better understanding of costs in each area and drilling down to be more specific while looking hard at spending patterns with the intention of reducing spending in some areas. I am also having a close look at miscellaneous accounts to reduce their usage and determine if more appropriate allocation of these expenditures is possible.

Lastly we are getting closer to implementing a Purchase Order program for AYC so we can provide more management control and approval on spending. We are not saying that spending is out of control but we want to make sure that the money that is being spent is being used in the most effective and efficient way so we maximize the benefit, understand costs and reduce potential waste.

**CPS Halifax Squadron offers
Marine Radio (VHF) with DSC Endorsement**

DATE: Friday, May 7th – 18:00 to 22:00
&
Saturday, May 8th – 13:00 to 17:00
(program is two days)

LOCATION: AYC - Board Room

COST: \$65

To operate a marine radio, you need a Restricted Operator Certificate (Maritime). It is the law! Through the course text (CD included), the Marine Radio course teaches emergency radio procedures, as well as everyday operating techniques. Class time is spread over two sessions of about four hours each, and concludes with a 2-part exam, the second of which is an oral.

Topics covered include the uses of marine radios, choice of frequencies, operation, phonetic alphabet, procedural words and phrases, as well as Digital Selective Calling and the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System, (DSC/GMDSS).

**Register for the above course
online at www.cps Halifax.ca or
call 1-888-277-2381.**



CANCELLATION!

**The Cruise Committee regrets to inform that the
SHORE LEAVE!**

**which was scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2010 at 2:00 PM
is cancelled due to low ticket sales.**

**If you have purchased tickets, please inquire at the Bar to receive a refund
or credit to your account (if you have one set up).**



AYC 3rd Annual Photo Contest

Are you snapping April flowers...or was that snow showers...?!

Aw well, June isn't that far off! That's when the photo contest officially opens!

Make sure you're prepared to send what could be a winning entry!

Details of the 2010 photo contest to be posted in upcoming editions of eNews and The Burgee.

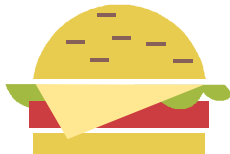
AYC Bar & Dining Room Welcomes you



Brunch, Lunch & Dinner Menus posted on posted on the AYC Web Site



Pub Food also available (during dining room hours)



AYC MEMBER DIRECTORY TAKING SHAPE

...ADS WANTED!

By Mary KEDDY

We are making progress on the production of an AYC Membership Directory for 2010! If you have not already done so, *please send your completed Membership Renewal Form to the AYC office at your earliest opportunity* to ensure inclusion of your contact information. (You may opt in or out, and select specific fields of information , as noted on the form.)

We anticipate that the Directory will be a great resource and referred to frequently by many for a number of reasons, including:

- connect with fellow members, whether someone we just met or who we contact occasionally by phone or e-mail;
- contact a fellow member if something happens to their vessel they should immediately be aware of;
- instant access to look up the AYC By Laws, Yard Rules, and so forth; and
- find/learn about products and services for boating or other needs through ads in this publication.

The intent is to produce both a soft an electronic and paper version of the Membership Directory. The timing of both is targeted for the second quarter.

The electronic version will reside on the AYC web site in the about-to-be-launched 'Member's Only' section which is being set up as I write. Bringing forth a paper version will depend, to a large extent, on our ability to secure paid advertising to fund its production. Fortunately, we've had inquiries already about advertising in the Member Directory, so I am hopeful that we can count on the support of business owners to help us get the Directory in print this year!

If you, or someone you know, owns a business and is looking to promote their product/service(s), AYC is offering a great advertising opportunity! Have your ad posted in either the Member Directory for one full year, or sign up to advertise in AYC's newsletter, The Burgee (which is produced 10 to 12 times annually and posted on AYC's web site where it is well read by members and non-members). Better yet, we'll give you a package price if you advertise in both! Advertising in either of these publications is not limited to AYC members, so please feel free to spread the word within your community!

Advertisement **rates** for the Member Directory are:

Quarter Page - \$125

Half Page - \$250

Full Page/Inside Front Cover, Front Page, Inside Back Cover, Back Cover \$500.

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AYC MEMBER DIRECTORY...ADS!)

Rates for advertising in The Burgee, only, are posted on page 2 of this publication. If you choose to advertise in both the Member Directory and The Burgee, we'll give you a 25% discount on your ad in The Burgee if you commit to placing same for the remaining issues of 2010. Prices do not include HST.

Ads submitted should be print ready and any photos in jpeg format.

Ads for the print version of the Member Directory will be in colour and appear in black and white in any print version of The Burgee. The electronic version of both the Member Directory and The Burgee will be in full colour.

If you have questions about the Member Directory please e-mail me at burgee@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca.

If you wish to have your ad included in the Member Directory, for planning purposes, we would appreciate hearing from you by May 15, 2010.

To arrange to have your ad included in the Member Directory and/or The Burgee please e-mail me at burgee@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca, or contact Christine Bray at the AYC office, by phone (902) 477-4617 or by e-mail at office@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca.

Thank you, in anticipation of your consideration.

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by
Ann Kyle, HOUSE CHAIR



!!!Spring Spruce Up for Opening Regatta Weekend!!!

Looking for Volunteers to:

- Paint Deck & window trims (maybe some scraping and prep work as well)
- General clean up of Clubhouse Grounds – raking, edging beds and maybe some sod replacement
- Other small projects – furniture prep, etc.
- Gardening work

Dates: Sat – May 1st 9 – 2 pm (lunch provided)
Sat – May 8th 9 - 2 pm “
Sat – May 15th 9 – 2 pm “

Hope you are willing and able to give us a hand, please let the “AYC Office” know your availability and dates.

That will help me make a plan to put everyone to good use!!!!

Big thanks! Ann



Remember - as you prepare to launch this spring -
BOAT GOES IN FIRST!
(Thanks, Sadie, for sending this along!)

REAR COMMODORE REPORT

by John FINNEY



The racing season calendar is all filled in and just waiting to start, as you will see in Mark MacNeil's report elsewhere in this issue of The Burgee! Grant Kennedy and an entire 'crew' are working on cruising plans for the months ahead, and I think we're in for some really great times together on the water this summer! If this great weather keeps up that will be sooner than later! Mary Keddy and I have been working on developing ideas we've heard from members and the COM about how AYC might attract new members. A couple of those ideas have led to a Special Meeting being called to vote on a proposed reduction in the annual Social Member fee. I hope we can count on your support by attending this meeting to hear why we are making these motions and voice your opinion.

Speaking of member services, last month The Burgee ran an article about a "buddy system" being set up at AYC. The idea is to welcome our new members by having an existing member introduce them around and inform them of AYC policies, rules, and so on. We're still looking for more volunteers to be a "buddy", so I hope you will consider responding to this appeal from me. Maybe you remember how hard it was to get to know folks when you first joined? We want to make that experience a little more "friendly", so if you are interested in being a "buddy", please e-mail your name, phone number and e-mail contact to me at rearcommodore@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca.

Meanwhile, I'll see you at the AYC!

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YARD CHAIR REPORT

By Jeff ROWE



VOLUNTEERS – VOLUNTEERS – VOLUNTEERS!!

That is the theme of this submission but before I get into that, I would like to provide a brief update on some of the projects currently underway at AYC. All five of the capital projects that were approved in the February 18th Special Meeting are progressing without any major problems. We are currently finalizing quotes and design details and much of this work will be done in the next two months. The new roof for the workshop will be done a little later, most likely in July. There is one other project I would like to highlight which wasn't one of the capital projects tabled in February but has grown in recent months from a small maintenance item to a fairly major project. I'm referring to the repairs to the clubhouse roadway. Just recently I wrote an article for a special eNews release to update members on this project. It is reprinted here for those who may have missed that email

Clubhouse Road Repairs

If you have been down to the club lately, you may have noticed that the road going round the front of the clubhouse is temporarily barricaded. The purpose of this special update is to let you know what is going on and what we are doing to fix it.

Since last year it was known that we would have to do some work on the clubhouse road to repair the natural erosion that has taken place over recent years. When this work was assessed earlier in the year, the scope of the repairs was relatively minor which is why this work was not identified as a capital project back in February. However, since that time the situation has gotten much worse. This was caused by a number of heavy rain storms and unusually high tides during a couple of nasty nor'easters earlier this year. If the road had been intact, it would have weathered these assaults without any problem, but since the integrity of the road was already compromised, the deterioration was rapidly accelerated. There is already one area which is barely wide enough for a car, not to mention a fire truck.

This road is not only there for our convenience to access the Marinas E, F and G, but is also needed as a fire lane in the event of a fire or some other emergency in those areas. It is because of this that there is great urgency

The area to be repaired was divided into three sections – the first at 100 feet is the most urgent and has to be fixed immediately. A second section of 50 feet is also in fairly bad condition and will be prepared now if finances permit. A third section of about another 100 feet needs some work but this can probably be deferred for 6 to 12 months with minimal risk. Quotes were received and the lowest cost bid for the repair of sections one and two was \$6800. and \$2900., respectively.

We have two options to pay for this work. We can take funds from the Yard Operational Budget which will most likely result in an overrun in that area, or from the Capital Reserve Fund (CRF). If we go through the normal process of calling a special meeting just for a vote on this work, it will create an unacceptable delay in the start of this project. Even though the road damage was not a catastrophic event, it is a necessary repair needed to preserve a fire lane and therefore can be classified as an emergency repair. We considered using the "Emergency Funding" provisions in the Capital Project Process which says the COM can utilize CRF funds without membership approval in the case of emergencies. However, we decided to pay for this project from our normal operating budget, and then ask the membership at the Annual General Meeting to approve a transfer from the CRF to the Yard Operations Budget to fund it retroactively. This way, we should have the same result and still keep the membership in the decision making loop for capital projects which is always our goal.

Until the road is reopened, we apologize for any inconvenience and we appreciate your cooperation in keeping the lanes clear for the heavy machinery which will be on site in the coming week.

Yard Rules Supplement

Two years ago when I was Rear Commodore, I wrote a supplement to the existing yard rules to address some environmental issues that were not covered within our

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existing rules. This supplement was not well publicized so I am reprinting it here now that we are gearing up for the annual ritual of cleaning, sanding and painting our boats.

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 center.*

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 dumpsters located at the east end of the jail house.

Volunteer Projects

In last month's Burgee, I listed a number of projects which we are planning to take on this year. Some will be done by outside contractors, some by the Yard staff and others will hopefully be done with the help of club volunteers. The main project in this category is the jailhouse restoration. Most of the locker owners have already signed up to help with this work which is very encouraging, and if others would like to join in we welcome your help because there is plenty of work to go around.

In addition to this, there are numerous other projects that need volunteer labour to be completed. My list is not limited to these projects but, at the moment, these are the main ones.

- 1) repair and painting of the concrete wall adjacent to the jailhouse
- 2) repair and painting of the pump house and workshop (both sides)
- 3) cleanup of the brush and debris from the entrance roadway, especially the area around the security hut.
- 4) refurbishing the AYC sign on the entrance roadway
- 5) cleanup and internal makeover of the recycling hut so it can be used as a storage shed for gasoline and equipment belonging to the sail training programming
- 6) night watch – still continuing but we need more people to help out

If you have already notified me that you are interested in helping out then I have your name on file and I will be in touch soon to discuss your availability. For those of you who have not come forward, please do what you can to help us make AYC the best it can be. Thank you to all volunteers for your invaluable assistance.

Jeff Rowe – Yard Chair

Don Robinson and Dave Hickey – Yard Subcommittee

Casino Nova Scotia's



Regatta for the Cure



Join us on July 3, 2010

*By Krista Olmstead
(Owner of the Pink Cape Islander 'Foxglove')*

Casino Nova Scotia's Regatta for the Cure will be held at the Shearwater Yacht Club on July 3, 2010. This is the 2nd annual sail boat race to raise funds for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation Atlantic Region. Last year we raised \$21,000. The regatta is a day of celebrating those who are fighting and those who are survivors of breast cancer.

The day will start out with a breakfast at Shearwater Yacht Club to get everyone revved up. Crews will have a full day ahead of them with decorating their boats for the parade of boats, planning race strategies and any

last minute registrations. After a lunch BBQ, the sail boats set off in their classes with anticipation of an invigorating race around the harbour.

This fun filled day has a new component to include all of the boating community; a poker run. The game is five card stud, nothing wild and may the best hand win.

Each boat that wishes to participate in the race or the poker run will be given pledge sheets for their crew members to be sponsored. This year sponsorship can be done online early in May. The entrance fee for the regatta is \$100., but will be waived if \$120. is raised through pledges. The boats participating in the poker run will be classified as one team (one hand) and the entrance fee/buy in works the same as those boats racing. All of the money raised will go the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation Atlantic.

Last year's race was a beautiful sunny day with lots of wind. In no time the race was on with a memorable start from the tall ship 'Liana's Ransom'.

Jerry Bourgeois has agreed to head the race committee for the regatta again this year. Krista Olmstead, a member from Armdale Yacht Club, will be on the committee line with her pink Cape Islander 'Foxglove'.

Upon their return to Shearwater Yacht Club the Silent Auction will be in full swing and a BBQ will be held as a meet and greet for everyone. Prizes will be given out for place finishers from the race, best hand and best theme boats from the parade.

Don't have sea legs? Come watch the parade of boats, then hear the banter before and the stories after the races. It will be a day of laughter and confirmation of the human spirit into the night.

For more information on how to enter the parade of boats, the race, poker run, sponsorship or to volunteer at the event contact AJ Quarmby-Bennett, Event Coordinator at ajq@eastlink.ca. Information will be available at the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation Atlantic web site www.cbcf.org/atlantic.



Commodore's Tea - Sunday April 25th from 1:00 - 3:00 PM

**All members are invited to come for a cup of tea (or coffee) & sweets.
Join us for a lovely afternoon of chatting with fellow members and
guests in the Commodore's Room**

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