



THE BURGEE

March 2010

(Issue 2)



Members
& their guests
CELEBRATING
at AYC!

LEFT:
VALENTINE'S
DAY
DINNER &
DANCE
FEBRUARY 13th



RIGHT:
ST. PADDY'S
DAY
MATINEE
FOLLOWED BY
OPEN MIKE
MARCH 13th

(More photos
inside)

DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 27 - AYC Race Meeting
- April 7 - NSBA Presentation
- April 24 - Shore Leave
- April 25 - Commodore's Tea/Morgan Art
- May 9 - Mother's Day Brunch

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Closed Monday & Tuesday

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Friday Dinner 5:30 – 9 PM; Closed Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

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Submissions

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.

Deadlines for

The Burgee - last Friday of each month at midnight to burgee@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca;
AYC eNews - Monday at 5:00 PM to aycnewsletter@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca.

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

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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 14th

- 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.

BURGEE EDITOR NOTE

By MARY KEDDY

With the vernal equinox fast approaching and the lovely weather lately, it appears Halifax is finally coming out of the deep freeze! (I know, you're probably thinking the same as me - there's likely at least one more snow storm to come after this "spring tease"!)

In my opinion, winter here wasn't all that bad this year. My snow blower only saw action a few times. (Not bad, since that's one thing you buy hoping you won't have to use it!) This winter also seemed short. In my case, having spent a good part of February in Florida might be one reason why.

Florida this February was surprisingly cold. It's not like I expected to get a tan, but neither did I anticipate shopping for sweaters and jeans just because the capris and short-sleeved tops I had packed turned out to be the wrong gear!

Weather aside, the trip was great. We even took in a boat show in Miami that presented a multi-million dollar 1.2 million square feet in-water display of some of the world's most extraordinary and uniquely designed yachts and superyachts from the world's foremost custom boat builders. That's me in the photo aboard my new fantasy!



Meanwhile, back at AYC, the COM was occupied with preparations for the Special General Meeting on February 18th, as well as the Annual Budget Meeting that followed on February 25th. Highlights of these meetings were released in the March 4th edition of the eNews, and are reprinted in this issue for members who only have the opportunity to read The Burgee. In this issue, you'll also read about AYC's newest staff member, Food & Beverage Manager, Patricia Myatt, as well as catch up with some of the social events held in February. The House and Yard Chairs share details of many initiatives they have on the go at AYC!

So, once again, I appeal to all to support the efforts being made by AYC COM and Staff to ensure the amenities we have at our club are sustained. Actions speak louder than words, so let's all contribute by regularly socializing at AYC's bar and dining room!

Interesting Links

(If any links don't work, copy & paste into your Browser's address window & hit 'enter'.)

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www.atlanticcanadaboats.com

Free post/view boats for sale:

<http://www.usedboatsstore.com>

FLEET CAPTAIN SAIL REPORT

By MARK MacNEIL

Only one thing on the desk for this month - The **AYC Racing Meeting**. That's where we decide on the format and timing of our race schedule for the summer. It's specified in the By-laws that this meeting take place during the last 10 days of March.

So, the date is set for:

DATE: Saturday, March 27th

TIME: 2:30 - 4:00 PM

LOCATION: AYC Clubhouse

All members, crews and guests are welcome to attend.

MEMBER DIRECTORY COMING TO AYC

AYC plans to produce a member directory in 2010. Participation is voluntary, so the AYC office needs to receive your completed Membership Renewal Form for 2010 confirming the contact information you want published. If you are interested in advertising in the Directory, please contact the AYC office or the Burgee Editor by phone or e-mail for details about ad rates.

COMMODORE'S CORNER

by Jim McBurney



NOTE: This article has been prepared for inclusion in both the eNews and The Burgee. It is the same article that appeared in the eNews (March 4 edition), reprinted here for members who only have the opportunity to read the Burgee.

It has been a few weeks since I have communicated to the membership, perhaps because we have been preparing the agenda and plans for the coming year.

There will be reports detailing the decisions made at the meetings held on February 18th and February 25th, so I am not going to dwell on that topic. Some important discussions at those meetings need to be brought to your attention.

We have a decision on the way ahead for food and beverage and the budget has been passed. On February 18th, the meeting included Associate and Social Members which proved very productive, and the concept of inclusion was well received by a large majority of those present in the meeting.

AYC membership is down and that

has the potential of making everything at the Club more expensive on a per capita basis. When members leave they take revenue with them but our fixed costs stay the same. In order to mitigate this problem we simply have to increase membership.

We are going to embark on a membership drive; the Rear Commodore will be the lead on that front. Getting and retaining members is an area where everyone can make a difference. We lost some members because we simply do not have the capacity to handle their vessels: we won't be able to fix that for a few years but the problem is being addressed by a committee. We lost Social Members because the only thing they were offered in their membership, food and beverage, was closed to them for a long period of time. Tremendous effort has been expended this year by the Vice Commodore and his team to rectify that problem and business is returning to normal, but those Social Members we alienated aren't knocking the door down to get back in. We have to work on this area of the membership likely by making Social Memberships attractive, affordable and by running an operation that meets the needs of this group.

How can we all make a difference? We have to create a welcoming environment for new members. You don't need me to tell you how to do that.

An enormous stride was made at the Budget Meeting. The assembled quorum instructed the COM to change the Bylaws and to bring an agenda item forward at

the next meeting so that:

- a. Senior, Life and Intermediate Members and their Associates will be invited to attend all meetings.
- b. If the Senior, Life or Associate Member cannot make a meeting the Associate will be given a proxy vote. Associates that serve on the COM will be voting members.
- c. Social Members will be called to a meeting to elect a person who will become the Social Members Representative on the COM and the person elected will have a vote at COM meetings and at General Meetings.

I have been discussing and working on some organizational concepts for the Club. You might want to know why that is important. Simply put: if you do not have the organization you cannot mete out the responsibilities necessary to make a club function efficiently.

In our particular situation the idea seemed to prevail that responsibility could be split by using the yard and house functions between the Vice and Rear Commodores. If you take that idea and try to make an organization chart it won't work, or at least I could not succeed at it. On the other hand, if you think about our organization as having a "business unit" and a "membership services" unit, it is possible to chart the responsibilities. The Vice Commodore runs the business unit and the Rear Commodore looks after membership services. There are two positions that you can't

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tuck into that model - the Treasurer and the Secretary.

When you consider these positions there are two functions that need to be addressed outside the day to day business model. There is requirement to continuously monitor the spending as it is authorized in the budget, and to make sure that any purchasing is done within the purview of the Bylaws. There is a need to discover the true cost of our "do it yourself" projects and our contracted projects to ensure that we are getting the most out of each dollar spent. The Treasurer should carry out these audit functions and report directly to the Commodore.

Secondly there is a continuing need to review and update our Bylaws. I see this as a function of the Secretary who becomes the keeper and editor of information with regard to Bylaws, Regulations and Rules. Again, this position should report directly to the Commodore as it is an information audit duty.

You will hear a lot more this year about membership services; it is an area that needs to be addressed.

The COM is an organization of volunteers and is heavily dependant on Committees to help the individual officers fulfil their duties. You can make a difference by serving on those committees and hopefully your participation will push you to the desire to be a member of the COM. One shortfall I have noted over the years is that we have not, to my knowledge, listed our committees and asked for people to volunteer. I hope to rectify that problem in the near future.

In closing I just have to mention that Anna and I try to get to as many functions as we can. On just about every occasion we meet more great members and hear some super ideas or even comments about the level of satisfaction with the Club. We truly enjoy that aspect of AYC so don't hesitate to approach us and let us know what you think. The hardest problem to solve is the one that you don't know about. And by the way, if I forget your name, it is a function of my mind - I had to wear a name tag for my whole career just to remember mine!

I hope to see you all at the Club after Anna and my brief sojourn to the south. We are not sure this year if it is sun seeking or storm chasing but we'll let you know when we get back.

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ByLaws/
Documents
on the
AYC web site
at
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.ns.ca/
ayc_members.
htm](http://armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca/ayc_members.htm)

NEW MEMBER "BUDDY SYSTEM" BEING IMPLEMENTED

Share the spirit of AYC!

New members sometimes find it challenging to 'get involved' when they join a new club, and it's no different at AYC. So this year the COM is establishing a "buddy system" for the purpose of orienting new AYC members. The idea is for the COM to maintain a list of existing members who are willing to be assigned as a "buddy" to a new member for a period. When called upon, they will be asked to show the new member around the premises, familiarize them with the club's facilities, policies, rules, etc., introduce them to other members, inform them of the culture/history of the club, and whatever else might help them be more informed, participatory and welcome at AYC. If you have questions or are interested in being a volunteer for this program, please send your coordinates (name, phone, e-mail) to Rear Commodore, John Finney, at rearcommodore@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca

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A PAGE FROM THE HISTORY OF AYC...

The painting of two schooners, currently in the upper bar level of the AYC Clubhouse, was donated to AYC by the Nova Scotia Schooner Association. Most of the original members were from AYC and it was an outgrowth of the AYC Auxiliary Fleet in 1961 (i.e. had engines). <Segue to George Perry - ARM PATROL towing the 99% of sailboats without motors in the 1960's - see article, next page.>

Unfortunately, the print has faded from being in sunlight for many years.

The article below was distributed by the Nova Scotia Schooner Association at the time.



"FRIENDLY WAVES"

The painting shows two schooners, Bluenose II and Spirit of Massachusetts, in full sail, with their crews waving at each other as they sail along together on the high seas.

Bluenose II is a replica of the famous Lunenburg built international champion fishing schooner Bluenose. Bluenose II was built in Lunenburg in 1963, at the same Smith & Rhuland Shipyard who built her namesake, for Oland Breweries, a firm which was owned by the late Colonel Sydney C. Oland and family.

The Oland Family were always generous supporters of the Nova Scotia Schooner Association and the late Victor deB Oland, a former Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia, was a founding and prominent member of the Association.

In 1971 Bluenose II was donated by the Olands to the Province of Nova Scotia who have since then operated her as a goodwill ambassador while being a member of the Canadian Sail Training Association.

Spirit of Massachusetts was built and launched in Boston, Massachusetts in 1984, using traditional materials and methods. She is operated as a school training ship and goodwill ambassador for Boston and the New England States. She is modeled after a famous New England fishing vessel of the 19th century.

The subject matter is a reminder of the days of schooner racing between two formidable competitors, Gertrude L. Thebaud, representing the United States of America, and Bluenose, representing Canada, and of the friendly relationship that exists between the two countries.

This magnificent painting was created in egg tempera by internationally renowned artist Tom Forrestall, C.M., B.F.A., R.C.A. of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia in 1986. Depicting a maritime scene with magic realism, it was painted to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Nova Scotia Schooner Association.

A limited edition of 100 prints, each individually signed by the artist, were produced and the engraving plates were then destroyed.

SHORE LEAVE



**Date: Saturday,
April 24, 2010**

Time: 2:00 PM 'til ???

Place: AYC Clubhouse

Entrance Fee will apply.

Participate with your fellow members in a day of games and socializing followed by great food.

If you have never attended an AYC Dry Cruise event, you don't want to miss this 'Shore Leave'.

Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more details.



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.

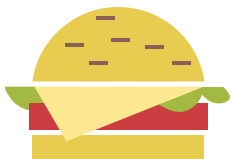
AYC Bar & Dining Room Welcomes you



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



**Pub Food also available
(during dining room hours)**



GEORGE PERRY - ARM PATROL

Walking around Melville Island in the lovely sunshine on February 16th, I was reacquainted with the fact that our club's work boat is called the Captain George Perry. George Perry was an integral part of the Northwest Arm in the 1950's and worked through the early 1970's at least. In a fast, wooden motor boat he patrolled the Arm keeping an eye out for swimmers and boaters in trouble. While the operation was paid for by the police department, George (Mr. Perry to us children) was everybody's friend and used tact and gentle persuasion to make the Arm a safe place.

YES we swam in the Arm every summer day in the 1950's. On Natal Day there was a swimming race from somewhere in the harbour to Horseshoe Island on Quinpool Road. There was a large change house on Horseshoe Island and at the Dingle for getting into your bathing costume.

Members of Armdale Yacht Club swam off the wharves to cool off. Race winners were often tossed into the water after they rowed in from their mooring. The main need for the patrol was to bail out sailing dinghies that capsized. In those days the small sailboats were all heavy, wooden classes with large open cockpits and NO SELF-BAILING. Yes, I know, some of the Snipes went to a new deck with a tiny cockpit and no water got in so you could stand on the centerboard to right them. All those Morse dinghies

needed George to come along with big buckets and a pump. The children in the dinghies were on our own. There were no instructors in Zodiacs yelling at us over the sound of outboards.

Peace and quiet then. So Captain Perry made sure there was no one under the sail drowning and then got the boat upright and pumped out. AYC ex-Commodore Ken Bell was a summer student on the Arm Patrol with George. (See the wheel off the Arm Patrol in the Boardroom upstairs in our yacht club.) Captain Perry's daughter, Sara Jane Raine, is an active member of AYC.

I meant to write this back in the summer when I towed a Hobie Cat in the Arm after the wind died and the sailor said – "Just like Captain Perry used to do!" George worked from 10 AM 'til 10 PM every day from May till Labour Day and as of August 1972 I know he had never called in sick. In the 1950's only a few large sailboats had engines. The normal was to paddle back when the wind died and I am talking Roue 20's and such. At 9:45 PM George would be out at Hens & Chickens (that's the red HQ2 buoy off Point Pleasant Park for the under 60 crowd) seeing if anyone needed a tow home. A kinder, gentler time. George had a glass of Champagne with us when I launched my new boat in 1984. *One of AYC's many fine members.*

AYC 3rd Annual Photo Contest

Before you know it will be June and you'll be able to enter your photos in this year's annual event! "Kodak moments" are waiting for you to find them! Or, maybe you have an old shoe box full of photos you've been meaning to go through - the winning entry could be among them! More details coming soon.



VICE COMMODORE REPORT

By Paul Taylor

Please join me in welcoming Patricia Myatt as the new Food and Beverage Manager at Armdale. Patricia comes to us following a 26 year career in the food and beverage industry, most recently as the Food and Beverage Controller with Trade Center Limited in Halifax. She is a Certified Food and Beverage Manager, Purchasing Analyst and Trainer among her many qualifications, and is looking forward to using these skills to turn our operation into a profitable one while at the same time ensuring a high quality food and beverage experience for our members. Patricia began her assignment on March first and on most days can be found in and around the clubhouse or in her office on the top floor. Please take the opportunity to welcome Patricia to Armdale.



Editor's Note: The Vice-Commodore's summary of the Food & Beverage item presented at the February 18th Special General Meeting appeared in the March 4 edition of eNews. It is reprinted on page 15 for members who only have the opportunity to read The Burgee.

SAIL TRAINING CHAIR Report & Call for Committee Participation

By DALE COURAGE

Happy Early Spring! Now that the Boat show is over and March has already brought us a tease of Spring, we can start thinking about evenings on our boats, cruising the coast, and AYC Dock Parties again.

There is not a lot to report on the Learn to Sail (LTS) program for 2010 except that the brochures and web site have been prepared for the new season and a few inquiries have started to arrive regarding both sailing instructor positions and student classes.

There is a plan to meet with last year's instructor(s) to review last season's performance and to get started with some school advertising for this year.

CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS!

As a fairly recent member of the Club myself, I rely on support from you, the membership, and experienced sailors to help guide the Learn to Sail Program. In particular I need at least two members (more is better, at least 1 male/1 female) to sit for a few brief one hour meetings (no more than 1 per month) to help get the season started and to consult with, if any issues arise during the season. Our goal is to increase participation in sailing lessons and to introduce as many new sailors as possible to AYC. Please contact me if you are interested in offering your assistance and guidance (courd@eastlink.ca, ph: 479-0570). I appreciate most of us are busy so I will maximize use of the phone and emails, outside of a few important kick-off and coordination meetings.

REQUEST TO MEMBERS

It's all about great member service!

The food and beverage staff are responsible for all your food and beverage needs. THEY are liable for the safety of all areas related to the food and beverage service. All members are asked to refrain from entering food and beverage service areas. This will enable them to provide great effective and efficient service. Thank you, in anticipation of your cooperation, and they look forward to serving you!

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

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Cooking Afloat Presentation

A "Full" House!

(Article/Photos By Mary Keddy)

On Saturday, February 27, 2010 the Halifax Squadron of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons (CPS) hosted an event that attracted over 60 people to the AYC Clubhouse. Attendees were curious to pick up tips, tricks and tools for cooking on a boat...and, judging by the jovial mood, perhaps they also welcomed the opportunity to spend a few pleasant hours among friends and acquaintances!

Even before the presentation began, Kellie Skelhorn engaged the attendees and an entire wall of convenient and time saving post-it notes appeared! Later in the evening, prizes were drawn and awarded to those who contributed.

The evening opened with welcoming remarks from Sara Jane Raine, CPS Halifax Squadron Commander and AYC Commodore Jim McBurney. Dave Hickey, Social Officer of the CPS Halifax Squadron, then led the group through an entertaining evening that included an impressive line up of food preparation demonstrations.

Following each demonstration, samples were distributed to everyone. The demos were nothing less than impressive, and even featured AYC's Chef Fintan! A glance at the list below tells you we'd all had plenty to eat by the end of the evening!

The show featured:

Bare Boat Demo and Talk

- by Marion Leslie

Cucumber Salad

- demo by Finton O'shea

Phil's Shrimp

- demo by Dave Hickey

Eggs in Bags

- demo by Leslie Sears

Chicken Cordon Bleu

- demo by Mary Keddy

Pork Tenderloin and Potato Packets

- prepared by Dave Hickey

Lamb on Skewers w. Tzatziki sauce

- prepared by Munden Manuel

Chocolate and bananas with yogurt

- prepared by Finton O'shea

CPS Halifax Squadron and AYC were very pleased with the favourable response to this event - and that almost guarantees a repeat occasion!



Above (1) Sara Jane Raine welcomes attendees; (2) Attendees enjoy the sampling



Dave Hickey with food servers, (L - R) Diane, Janice & Kellie



Brian & Kellie, labouring in the kitchen



In the kitchen quite an assembly line forms with Chef Fintan. 'Chef Wanna-Bes' are: (Top) Leslie, Munden & Dave; (Bottom) Diane, Leslie & Munden

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REAR COMMODORE REPORT

By John Finney

Mark MacNeil has got the sailing and racing plans well in hand for the up coming season. Grant Kennedy is organizing a number of events for the power and cruising people so that, as well, looks like a good season coming up. Mary Keddy is getting communication and membership services initiatives underway. We'll be providing more updates as developments occur!

"MEMBER-ABILIA!"

Do you recognize any of these faces?



The photo at left was sent by a member who writes, "When we were young and in our prime. A photo of the crew of Bluenose II - one of who was just in Haiti on Athabaskan III. The full photo is on the wall above the bar at Stayners."



April 7th, 2010

Evening presentation:

Nova Scotia-built pleasure boats

Learn about the diversity of boats built in Nova Scotia and the advantages of custom & semi-custom built boats.

*Presented by Tim Edwards, Executive Director
Nova Scotia Boatbuilders Association*

www.nsboats.com



Time: 7:00 PM

Location: AYC Clubhouse

The NSBA represents 35 boatbuilding companies in the Maritimes and 38 supplier companies.

About the Presenter: Tim Edwards is a Professional Engineer and a Member of the Royal Institution of Naval Architects who has been working in the marine industry since 1973. In 1991, he was appointed to manage a marine R&D Centre at the Technical University of Nova Scotia (now part of Dalhousie University). During his 7 years at TUNS, his work with Nova Scotia's boatbuilders resulted in the formation of the Nova Scotia Boatbuilders Association (NSBA), and in 1998 Tim was appointed Executive Director.

Report from the HOUSE & GROUNDS CHAIR

By ANN KYLE

As we look ahead at the next three to four months at AYC, here is a quick update about the likely areas of focus for the House Committee:

Entrance Foyer

Steps look great, don't they – entrance wall colour may be a bit bright, but we'll leave it for now until the six re-upholstered barrel chairs are back – then we'll see the overall effect. We have received huge feedback from members to also tackle the wall paneling/replace with Gyp rock and paint to lighten/brighten/update our entryway and first impressions to our Club. This is likely a project for next year's closure (January), as there's quite a bit to it.

Lower Wardroom

We want to enhance the use of the Club and encourage more new members/functions and activities to support our food and beverage operations. Part of this effort means that we may want to get serious and give the Lower Wardroom area a facelift. The purpose would be to make it more inviting and functional so that members have an inviting place if the Club is being used for functions. As step one, we are selecting new colours that are cozy and inviting – then we can start to enhance with furniture and carpets, etc., as budget allows. Painting is next and will start over the next couple of weeks.....I'll call for some volunteers.

Front Deck:

Our look last fall underneath the deck indicated that we have to address some structural repair/

replacement; we also need to replace some of the decking; we need to do a fairly good job of scraping/priming and painting. I am going to try to get a work team together over the next month and a half with a plan to get the work done in late May/very early June. With some planning, material, organization and good volunteers, I think it's not a huge job - maybe be a full weekend plus a weekday or two. I will send out something more specific in early May and be looking for your assistance with hammers and paint brushes!!

Front Gardens

We will be investing a little budget in some trees/shrubs to place along the front of the Clubhouse building. The front entrance "Anchor Garden" needs more and, hopefully, can be filled with a spring call to our members to share some of their favourite perennials!! I'll be reminding you about this again in late May/early June.

Miscellaneous:

We need to strengthen our Club security so are going to start with door replacements at the back of the Upper Wardroom and the two Lower Wardroom back doors (between the shower area and the men's washroom). There are a number of smaller repairs and maintenance to keep us busy....as usual!! But generally, all is moving along nicely and I hope that you are enjoying the Club.



YARD CHAIR REPORT

By JEFF ROWE

There is a lot going on that I want to tell you about! Since I took on the position of Yard Chair, many people have asked for more information about the activities in this area because that is where the majority of your money is being spent. So, throughout this year, I am committed to providing as much information as I can (even if that does make for a long report!) so that all members are aware of our activities, challenges, and successes.

Capital Projects

We've just started the third month of the year and already we have made great progress in many areas, including capital projects and other club improvement plans. As most know by now, we had a special meeting on February 18 one week before our Annual Budget Meeting.

I wrote a summary of the "Capital Fund Proposals (Yard)" item presented at the February 18th Special General Meeting which appeared in the eNews (March 4 edition). It is reprinted on page 15 for members who only have the opportunity to read The Burgee.

NOTE: Following are two project notes I have added since I wrote that summary:

Jailhouse Restoration - Most of the locker owners have already signed up to take on this task but I would like to extend an invitation to all members who might be interested in helping out with this badly needed restoration.

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Security Systems -

Regarding the security project, there have been two minor changes I want to tell you about. The first involves the design of the gate itself. One of our members at the meeting suggested it would be better to have a gate that rolls open and closed perpendicular to the road instead of a traditional gate which swings open on a hinge. I agree there are many advantages to this approach so we will incorporate that into the design. The second change involves the location of the gate. My proposal had the gate positioned just inside of the AYC sign on the road coming into the club. However, a short time after our meeting another member was advised by a friend who is a security expert, that it was more advantageous to position the gate just on the inside of the security hut. I agreed with the suggestion so we will make that change as well. The complete analysis of one location versus the other is too lengthy to go into here, but if anybody would like to discuss the rationale then feel free to call or email me at any time and I will run through it with you. My thanks to Andy Rice for bringing this to my attention. If these modifications significantly change the cost of the gate, I will re-table the proposal for another vote.

Other Yard Projects

In addition to the approved capital projects, the following list (in no particular order) details a number of other projects that are either completed, in progress or planned for later this year. Some of these involve the yard crew only, some will be done by volunteers only

(hopefully), and others will be a combination of the two. In some cases we will also need some help from outside contractors and when that happens, I will give you the details of who did work for us and the cost. I am in the process now of scheduling this work around the usual launch and haul out activities. This schedule will be available to anyone who wants to see it - you will need Microsoft Project to view it.

- 1) Repair abutments on Marina E and F (six in total)
- 2) Build a containment pen for shrink wrap covers next to the pump house
- 3) Construct and install second half of Marina H
- 4) Build and install cable trays for Marina A
- 5) Conduct an analysis of the power feeder system coming into AYC in an attempt to eliminate power outages and voltage fluctuations
- 6) Remove decking and assist in running wires on Marina A
- 7) Remove plywood recycling bin by jailhouse and clean area
- 8) Paint new recycling bin and attach signage
- 9) Repair and paint yard work boat (completed)
- 10) Remove and repair cable blocks for marine railway haul out system (completed)
- 11) Widen road in front of the race hut (contractor)
- 12) Repair misalignment of the ramp on Marina A
- 13) Remove tech cable and old power posts from Marina A
- 14) Assist with installation of new power pedestals on Marina E
- 15) Fix steering on skidder
- 16) Clean causeway culvert
- 17) Convert recycling shack to a gasoline and motor storage facility for the sail training

- 18) Remove gasoline cans and other debris from the furnace room in the sail training building and relocate to new storage facility
- 19) Carry out repairs to the sail racing hut
- 20) Paint workshop exterior
- 21) Paint pump house and adjacent walls (both sides)
- 22) Repaint AYC sign on roadway coming into club
- 23) Clear away debris near security hut and thin out brush along entrance roadway
- 24) Build covers for marina garbage cans

I will provide updates as this list changes. I know it is an ambitious list of things to do but they are all necessary and worthwhile so all we can do is try. And keep in mind this is in addition to all the work that has been done and will be done in and around our clubhouse. Ann Kyle will provides information on that in her reports.

I ask that all members please start thinking about how you can help us accomplish our goals for the coming year. As I mentioned in previous communications, all volunteer time will be tracked and managed for yard and club house projects so we can appropriately recognize and thank those individuals who selflessly volunteer their time and expertise to improve our club. The result of this work will be a safer and more aesthetically pleasing environment which will ultimately help us retain existing members and also recruit new members to AYC.

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Other Issues and Announcements

Jailhouse Fire Regulations

I am sure most know by now that we have been asked on a number of occasions by the city Fire Inspector to keep the corridors of the jailhouse completely clear so firemen can have unobstructed access in the event of a fire. Some personal items still remain and owners have been contacted but some of this material still remains. We have been very patient with this issue, so the time has come to clear out the remaining items from the corridors. This includes spars that are currently stored on the braces on the lower level. We have been told to remove those braces as well so all of it has to go. We will be happy to provide assistance if you need help with lifting or finding a new location for your belongings.

Recycling Center

We are still having a problem with members leaving gasoline and lead acid batteries outside the jailhouse at our recycling area. This is a very serious infraction of club rules that will have immediate and severe repercussions for those responsible. Also, on occasion the yard staff has to clean up oil spills left there by members leaving open containers of oil, or from spilling oil when transferring it to the drums in the storage bin. Accidentally spilling oil is not the problem because accidents do happen - it is leaving it there and not reporting it that is the problem. This, too, is a serious infraction that will be dealt with in a similar manner, so please understand and follow the rules

governing this area.

This summer we will be implementing a safer and more robust recycling container for engine oil and coolant storage which we hope will reduce the hazard of having these materials on site. Also, the long term plan is to install a security camera in this area to reduce or hopefully eliminate delinquent activities related to hazardous materials. I will provide more information on this initiative as work progresses.

Night Watch Program

Our volunteer night watch program has been effective and necessary as it turns out because we had four incidents last month where we turned away or witnessed very suspicious intruders, usually between the hours of 2 and 4 AM. However, we only have about five people, including myself, so I need more volunteers so we can continue this program and provide enough coverage to make this worthwhile. This is just until we get a fence and gate installed which, hopefully, will be in a month or two. If you think you can help us out with this important initiative, please contact me by e-mail and I will send you the details.

I would like to end my report with some words of gratitude to a few of our members. First, thanks to Don Robinson and Dave Hickey for agreeing to serve on the Yard Subcommittee for 2010. Both will be helping out with the planning and execution of yard projects during the coming year and they will also be the point men in my absence for yard related issues. Thank you also to Connors Diving for the thorough and professional survey they did on the tracks for the marine railway, free of charge!! And finally, we owe a huge *debt of gratitude to*

Daryl Moir for donating a state of the art video surveillance system to AYC. This camera and computer hardware, which retails for over \$4000, will be a vital piece of a new security system that will help make our club a more secure and safer place to enjoy our boats.

I apologize for the length of this report but since our Burgee is mostly electronic these days, I guess I am not killing more trees in the process. If you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me by email at yard@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca or by cell phone at 830-3909.



A huge ***“well done and thank you!”*** to Rob Sanford and the Entertainment Committee for organizing great social events at AYC (see coverage of the most recent events, next page) - you've certainly met the challenge of maintaining the high standards set by previous Entertainment Chairs! Rob informs us he and the Entertainment Committee have lots more in store, so let the good times roll!

Valentine's Dinner and Dance
Saturday, February 13, 2010
(Photos courtesy of Sheila English)



Above, This event was sold out with over 100 attendees; Jim & Anna did the Chinese Buffet - and give many thanks to several volunteers who helped prepare/serve, etc.; certainly the happy faces at the end in the photo below tell all about this 'romantic' evening enjoyed by so many!



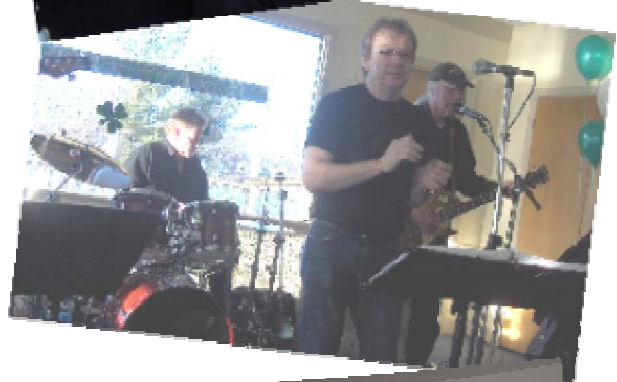
St. Paddy's Day Matinee and Open Mike
Saturday, March 13, 2010
(Photos courtesy of Mary Keddy)



GO ST. PADDY, GO!

Above, Rear Commodore John Finney gone wild!?! The clubhouse was packed for this event, and everyone had a great time! The event started at 3:00 PM with music by Paul Eisan, George Antoniak and Ken MacDonald (former members of Spice and Tribute), followed by an Open Mike at 7:00 PM that went well into the evening.

Below, the crowd enjoys; F & B staff pause to pose; and Terry Hill is persuaded to do a few numbers with the band!



SPECIAL UPDATES -

1) AYC SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 18th

2) AYC ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING - FEBRUARY 25th

NOTE: This article has been prepared for inclusion in both the eNews and The Burgee. It is the same article that appeared in the eNews (March 4 edition), reprinted here for members who only have the opportunity to read the Burgee.

1) AYC SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 18th

I) Capital Fund Proposals (Yard)
by Jeff Rowe

First, I would like to thank the attendees of the Special Meeting on February 18th for their enthusiastic support for the five (5) Capital projects I tabled at that meeting. Some of the proposals contained a number of options but only those options which were accepted are outlined below.

i) **Marine Railway Track Repairs (\$5,000)** - It is necessary to repair the track deficiencies identified by Connors Diving in their Dec/09 survey. This includes missing wedges, broken connector plates, rotten ties, and corroded track.

ii) **Marina Power Project – Phase II (\$16,600)**

The three components of this project are:

a. Replace undersized and deteriorated power cables on Marina A

b. Install two lighthouse power pedestals on Marina E

c. Install one lighthouse pedestal and flood lighting on guest dock.

ii) **Jailhouse Restoration (\$5,000)** - The jailhouse requires numerous cosmetic and functional repairs such as window replacement, painting, masonry repairs, structural reinforcement, and roof repairs. Most of the labour to do this will come from club volunteers but some funding is required to cover the contractor and material costs necessary to complete this work.

iv) **Security Systems (\$8,600)** – To enhance security at AYC, an access gate and surveillance cameras will be installed at strategic locations. Policies and procedures for the use of this equipment will be carefully constructed in consultation with the membership.

v) **Work Shop Roof Replacement (\$6,200)** – This entails a complete replacement of the existing roof covering by a professional roofing contractor to stop persistent leaks that are damaging machinery and creating hazardous conditions for our yard crew. To date, attempts at stopping these leaks with patch repairs have proven to be ineffective.

All of these projects will commence in 2010 and hopefully be completed in this same year. All will be funded from the Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) which currently has a balance of approximately \$33,000 (rounded to the nearest \$1000). When we add the projected contributions from 2010, that balance will increase to \$71,000. The total value of the approved capital projects is \$41,000 which will leave

approximately \$30,000, the majority of which will go to the Marine Railway Fund to finance a partial or complete replacement in 2015. Please note that the projected CRF balance tabled in the February 18 meeting was \$71,000. However, a subsequent increase in CRF contributions which was approved by the membership in the February 25 Annual Budget Meeting, will add approximately \$11,500 to this total based on current membership levels.

I will be talking a bit more about these capital projects in the next issue of The Burgee.

II) Food and Beverage Services at AYC
by Paul Taylor

The membership passed a motion calling for AYC to run its own food and beverage service. As a result, we are moving forward quickly to implement a number of steps to establish a brand new food and beverage operation at Armdale.

New Food and Beverage Manager
We are in the final stages of retaining the services of a new Food and Beverage Manager. This position will have overall responsibility to the Committee of Management to oversee the operation and provide the type of service that members expect. We hope to be able to introduce the new manager in the next E-news.

Minimum Usage of Food and Beverage

At the February 18th meeting, the membership also approved the reinstatement of the annual \$200

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food and beverage minimum usage fee, originally approved by the membership in 2006. As a result, all Senior and Social members of AYC will be required to spend a minimum of \$200 at the club on food and/or beverage each calendar year.

This usage is a very important part of making our own service successful as it provides a revenue stream we can plan around as well as bringing people back to the club.

It is also a common practice in just about every social club which offers food and beverage service.

While the level of the fee should probably have been set a little higher than it is, it will remain at \$200 in recognition of the fact that we are already one sixth of the way through the year.

Administration will be easier this year. We have eliminated the tracking of member spending and simply ask members to pay the \$200 up front through an invoice from the club office. Once your invoice has been paid, a "virtual gift card" will be set up for the amount of the invoice under your member name and number in the squirrel system. When you come to the club, let your server know you have a gift card and that you would like to use it for your purchase. Each time you make a purchase, your credit is simply reduced until the \$200 is used. We will be sending out these invoices within the next two weeks so everyone can get an early start!

Gift cards must be used by December 31, 2010. If you cannot use all of your virtual gift card, you can request that your amount be transferred to another member by submitting your request to the office by email or in writing.

Large Group Reservations

We have a variety of menu items for your enjoyment. In order to best manage our inventory, schedule our staff and serve you better, we would ask that all groups larger than four (4) please make reservations before coming to the club to eat. We guarantee your experience will be more enjoyable if you do!

Let Us Know What You Think

Finally, this is now our food and beverage service. We can make it what we want it to be...from menus, to prices, to brands, it is really up to us. Come enjoy the service and reacquaint yourselves with old friends and friends you have not met yet.

While we ask you to have a little patience as we get our sea legs under us, we also want to know what you think. Please tell us what you liked and what did not measure up. This is the best way for us to improve. Convenient comment cards are provided with your bill and a receptacle for cards is provided on the bar. We will be paying attention!



2) AYC ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING - FEBRUARY 25th by Phil Currie

The 2009 AYC Financial Statements* as completed by Levy Casey Carter MacLean Chartered Accountants were reviewed by Amy Yung, Chartered Accountant, and accepted by the AYC membership. I must note that, at first glance, our year end statements look like we are in a very bad way. In fact, we are not in the greatest position but certainly not dire straits, as one might think upon reviewing our statements. I, too, find them confusing, which I intend on improving.

We had a small loss of approximately \$6,000., and our unrestricted assets are at \$23,320. Basically, this means that we are running thin which is an area we will have to improve upon. The bottom-line is we will have to have a very close look at where and what we are spending on and see where we can reduce our expense lines going forward as well as increase membership, both of which are key to our future financial success.

Following the review of the Financial Statements, I led the meeting through my presentation of the proposed Budget* for 2010. This Budget was approved with minor revisions.

he 2010 Budget includes increase to fees and dues which departs from AYC's trend over the last number of years of having significant assessments that were not planned for but were necessary to stay afloat. The membership approved

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the increase to fees and dues on the basis of my recommendations that:

- 1) If it is understood that a deficit at year end is imminent, it should be dealt with during the budget process.
- 2) We have had a significant reduction in our senior membership from 244 last year to 218 currently which reduces our revenues dramatically, let alone the impact on operational revenues such as fuel, yard fees, marina and storage fees. When these members leave they take zero expense with them which mean's that we remaining members must share the financial burden related to that.

I also assured the membership that:

- 3) The COM has discussed this issue at length at their meetings and are committed to doing two things:

- a. completely reviewing our costs, operating within the approved budget, cutting where possible; and
 - b. taking a proactive approach to increasing membership and maximizing profit centers.
- 4) Control and tracking tools will be implemented to help us better manage expenditures with appropriate approval processes. This will include but will not be limited to a purchase order policy and process, project management criteria and work order processes in order to track and approve our project related expenses. The idea is to understand where and how effectively our dollars are being spent.

**A copy of the 2009 Financial Statements and the 2010 proposed Budget that were presented at the meeting is available to members from the AYC office. (These items will also soon be in the 'Members Only' area of the AYC web site when this new section is introduced.)*

A summary of the increases approved by the membership are as follows:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Capital Reserve Contribution	\$100	\$150
Senior Dues	\$770	\$870
Haul Out/ Launch Fee		\$3.90/ft, \$100 minimum (billed in October w. winter storage)
Marina Fees	\$25/ft	\$27/ft
Fuel – 20 cent increase over pump, and reimburse members 10 cents in December.		

If you have any questions, please contact me by e-mail at treasurer@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca.



CPS Halifax Squadron Offerings:

Boat Pro (PCOC) Course

Dates: Tues & Wed, April 13 & 14

Time: 18:30 - 22:00 Hours

Location: AYC, Halifax, NS

Cost: \$65.00

The Approved Boating Handbook and the seminar prepare you for the Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) exam. The best of the PCOC seminars available, this highly acclaimed seminar was one of the first to be accredited by the Canadian Coast Guard. Upon successful completion of the exam, you will receive a one-year complimentary

Associate Membership to CPS, with its benefits. Crossing the border? CPS is a provider of safe boating courses approved by both Transport Canada and the U.S. National Association of State Boating Law Administrators.

Marine Radio (VHF) with DSC Endorsement

Two Upcoming Courses (note each course is two days in duration):

Dates: Friday, April 9th – 18:00 to 22:00 & Sunday, April 11th – 13:00 to 17:00
OR

Friday, May 7th – 18:00 to 22:00 & Saturday, May 8th – 13:00 to 17:00

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 courses Online at www.cps Halifax.ca or Call 1-888-277-2381

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14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 COM Burgee Reports Due	27 AYC Race Meeting 2:30 - 4 PM
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April						
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4 Easter Sunday	5 Easter Monday	6	7 NSBA Presentation 7 PM	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 COM Meeting 7 PM	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Shore Leave AYC Clubhouse 2 PM
25 Commodore's Tea & Morgan Art Show/Sale 1 - 3 PM	26	27	28	29	30 COM Burgee Reports Due	