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Above: Bob Jones, long-time friend of Neil and Gloria Connors delivers a speech at the AYC meeting on November 9th on the occasion of Neil Connors becoming an AYC Life Member. Below: Neil Connors receives his Life Member card from Bob Jones. Neil and Gloria hosted drinks and refreshments for fellow AYC members and friends following the meeting. (Photos Courtesy of Barrie MacLeod)



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**EDITOR'S NOTE
By MARY KEDDY**



This past Remembrance Day I had the honour of laying a wreath on behalf of AYC members.

The service was beautiful, and the presence of so many, both young and old, was comforting evidence that remembrance of and thanks to our veterans and those who continue to serve us today is being passed on as it should.



By now, most members who intend to bring their vessel ashore have done so. Winterization tasks completed, we can turn our attention to the social side of things at the Club. A perfect Thursday evening is the "Two-for-One Special" in the Dining Room, and, for the Darts group, a friendly competition between teams afterward. Friday night's Dining Room feature is often the lead-in to the Jam Session that attracts members and their guests to the Clubhouse for the evening. And don't forget Saturday and Sunday Brunch/Lunch!

There will certainly be plenty of activity in the coming weeks as the festive season celebrations begin. In December, Santa visits AYC via the Eastcom, as well as by land - and, yes, there'll be parties for the 'big kids', too!

How it feels like the Christmas rush starts earlier every year! If you think time has been flying of late, just watch what happens to the next several weeks! If you're like me you'll probably preach to yourself not to stress too much and then spend most of your time trying to squeeze and extra hour or more into each day! No matter what you're up to, stay safe and be well!

CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT TO GET THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE WHO HAS EVERYTHING?



AYC BRANDED MERCHANDISE!

Visit the club and view the display case; see the product list on the AYC web site



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 2010)
- 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.

COMMODORE'S CORNER

by JIM MCBURNEY



Following is the text of the Report delivered by the Commodore at the most recent AYC business meeting, for those who do not receive eNews or do not have access to the on-line version in the Members Area of the AYC web site. Edits noted are the result of observations made following the delivery of the report at the meeting.

Armdale Yacht Club Commodore's Report Budget and Election Meeting 09 November 2010

OVERVIEW

From a Committee of Management point of view, in many ways 2010 has been a productive year for the Club. The membership we needed to support our budget proposals has been met and we have a functioning food and beverage system that is generally meeting the requirements of users.

It has been a normal year in terms of operations and maintenance with some noticeable enhancements in the yard and house.

There have been relatively few staff issues and that attests to good management practices especially considering the increase in employees that was required to run the food and beverage operation. The significance of this observation has to be considered in relation to our necessity to hire staff to run a business that we were developing from the ground up while it was being created.

There has been an unprecedented effort to communicate with the membership at meetings and through our eNews, The Burgee and our web site. All information that has been available to the Committee of Management, with the exception of information that required protection for individual privacy, has been released. As far as I can ascertain all correspondence directed to members of the Committee of Management has been addressed.

Likely the most significant change that occurred this year was not on the radar for most people. The accounting system was altered dramatically so that it better serves the requirements of the Club.

Not everything went as planned this year, we are dealing with a persistent problem of members whose actions and words can be identified as not being in the best interest of the Club.

THE GOOD

Members of the Committee of Management and their sub-committees took on 62 projects this year that were tracked on the COM Tracking Spreadsheet. Of those, 40 were completed, 7 are underway, 12 are considered medium or long term projects and 3 have yet to be started.

The tracking project spreadsheet had its limitations in terms of gathering data on what was planned and accomplished. "Things happen" in the house and yard domains and we failed to capture some of those significant events, so the tool that has been created should be considered as a planning guide for projects that develop over normal operations.

The Business Unit

The Business Unit under the developing organization model refers to those services supervised by the Vice Commodore.

Some of the significant areas of progress and success include:

Food and Beverage Service - was literally created from scratch while it was up and operating. We had Fintan O'Shea our Chef, Jen Clayton our Bartender, our Club Manager, the Treasurer and the Vice Commodore who collectively put an organization and a business together on the fly. We later acquired a Food and Beverage Manager in the person of Patricia Myatt and staff to round out the organization on the ground. All of these people deserve signal recognition for providing us with a service that is one of the pillars of our success. We had some problems along the way, but on the other hand it was our first miracle!

The Yard Committee and the Yard Staff had a banner year. The Yard Staff beyond their normal rigorous duties of handling our boats and maintaining our equipment:

- Created a secure storage facility for hazardous materials from a container donated by Senior Member Brian Roberts
- Almost completed the multi year project of constructing and replacing our marinas; and
- Created a storage area with ready use emergency supplies

The Yard Committee successfully petitioned the membership for capital funding and completed a number of tasks. Some significant achievements were:

- Installed a security camera system that was donated by Senior Member Daryl Moir
- Installed a security fence and gate to deter the numerous break-ins that have been taking place
- Repaired the road on the causeway
- Repaired the road on the back side of the house
- Repaired the roof on the jail making more locker space available
- Provided power pedestals to marina E
- Continuing the A marina electrical upgrade
- Railway track repair successfully completed

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The House Committee had an active year and beyond the general maintenance and upkeep of the house and grounds:

- Cleaned and redecorated the main entrance to the house
- Cleaned and redecorated the Lower Wardroom
- Repaired the patio where there was structural damage
- Provided new wing chairs to be used in the lounge areas
- Repaired and planted the gardens around the house

In the area of General Business Services the Club is in the process of having installed a state of the art telephone and WIFI service that will provide internet connectivity to all our marinas and mooring fields. It will also provide safety communications and telephone links to our personnel and remote point of sale services to support our fuelling operation.

A long term project to define our infrastructure and have it approved by the Navigable Waterways Authority has been completed and the notarized notice of completion has been delivered.

Membership Services

Membership services under the developing organization model are those under the supervision of the Rear Commodore.

Some of the significant areas of progress and success this year are:

The Membership and Communications Committees worked together on a number of initiatives with a view to:

- Increase the number of members
- Create strategies to process members with increased efficiency
- Develop tools to better communicate with members
- Begin community outreach
- Create a welcoming social event for new members
- Create and operate a "buddy system" for new members

In addition to the previously mentioned enhanced eNews and experimentation with new items in The Burgee, the

Communications Committee completed projects, most notably:

- A new Members Area on the AYC web site
- An electronic version of a Member Directory (which will be available in the Members Area of the AYC web site within the next few weeks), and
- AYC's 3rd Annual Photo Contest

The Entertainment Committee has a substantial role in improving member morale. They held or provided:

- Dinner and dance combinations
- Dances; and
- Provided dinner music on impromptu opportunities

The Race Committee provided a full slate of events and AYC hosted 30 races in 2010. Participation is summarized as follows:

<u>Race or Series</u>	<u>Participating Boats</u>
Ice Breaker	15
Opening Regatta	19
Commodores Cup	10
Harbour Island Classic	20
Die Hard	10

Wednesday Series

Spring	8 (average)
Summer	13 (average)
Fall	12 (average)
Wednesday Series	
Overall Participation	20

Unfortunately several races and series did not attract enough boats to contest. These were: Women's Wednesday Series; Performance Cup; Ketch Harbour Race; Double Handed Race.

The Fleet Captain Sail has requested that this report acknowledge the help of his committee, especially Jeff Nelson for documenting race results, and special thanks to Jim Byrne for starting and finishing the races.

Edit: The Performance Cup did have adequate participation to be awarded this year. Also, in the series reported, the club Championship was omitted, as was the Performance Cup, both of which were reasonably well attended.

The Cruise Committee held numerous events that were well attended. Some are:

- Raft-ups in and around the Halifax Harbour Area
- A weekend cruise to Jeddore
- The McGrath's Cove Weekend Raft-Up
- Cruise to Mahone Bay
- Bachman's Island BBQ at Wreck Cove, and
- The Harvest Moon Dinner and Cruise.

Edit: Add item - Poker Run

The Sail Training Committee had another successful year and

- increased the amount of adult and women's sail training
- developed a five year plan to promote sail training

General membership service changes were generated or approved at meetings held throughout the year. Some significant changes are:

- Amended Bylaws were sent to the membership for ratification
- Social Members elected a representative to the Committee of Management
- Associate and Social members were encouraged to attend meetings
- A proxy vote by the associate of voting members who are absent was proposed and approved in principle for inclusion in the Bylaws

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- An Affiliate Membership was created to provide members of other yacht clubs access to our facilities while remaining compliant with the liquor laws for our licensing requirements
- Consideration was given to the widows, widowers or life partners of those members who pass on
- The Budget and Election meeting was changed to November rather than holding it in February following the election of a new Committee of Management
- Communications on meetings and issues can be forwarded to members on our lists by email
- The management practices on some of our standing funds were tightened.

The Financial Group

The Financial Group refers to the relationship between the Treasurer, the Vice Commodore, the Club Manager and the Food and Beverage Manager.

This year there were significant changes in this area of operations. Some of the notable changes are:

- The accounting system was changed so that areas of expense and revenue can be related to the budget and so that reports can be drawn as required to date.
- A forecasting component was added to the monthly report in order to assist in Committee financial decision making.
- The food and beverage operation account was separated from the general accounts to allow monitoring of the performance of that entity
- A purchase order system was created along with a policy on the steps for procurement over \$500 and is being implemented.
- Members of the Committee of Management or others will no longer be able to use their own resources for purchases. This allows all advances under \$500 to be allocated to budgets and to track expenditures within a budget envelope. Budget over-runs should be eliminated with this practice. A cheque and cash requisition program is being implemented to support this policy.
- A Work Order system is being implemented to better track costs of projects in the house and yard.
- All internal and external service provider agreements are being reviewed to ensure that the club is receiving market value on price, performance and service delivery.
 - o This includes policies on the number of quotes required for expenditures over \$1,500
 - o A "Standing Offer" policy is being developed
 - o Invoice detail will have to be enhanced so that it can be ascertained that the goods and services provided are in line with the expenditures.

The Information Group

The Information Group refers to the relationship between the Secretary, the members of the Committee of Management, committees and sub-committees. Under the developing

organization the Secretary is the point where information is gathered, managed and stored. The Secretary will become the focus point for policy an area that we hope will come under full development in the following year. Some basic policy was written this year but the basis for its development is the Bylaws. Once the Bylaw amendment process is stable for a period this area of development can be pursued.

THE BAD

This section of the report deals with those issues or projects that we have not been able to address appropriately this year.

Yard - There are a number of areas where work needs to be progressed:

- The roof on the workshop needs repair
- There is asphalt repair needed in some areas of the yard
- We need to implement on a policy where the Club can fairly recoup the electrical costs from boats on our marinas
- We need to develop a policy on the storage of small watercraft at the club
- The Jail building needs ongoing repairs
- We need a decision on what to do with the culvert on the causeway
- We will likely require maintenance on the rails for the marine railway

House - There are a number of areas that remain to be addressed:

- We need drawings of the electrical and plumbing system
- The electrical system in the house likely need extensive modification to make it totally serviceable
- The kitchen needs upgrades to equipment

Sail Training - The equipment we have available for sail training is likely inadequate. We must address the five year plan that has been introduced to:

- Provide the necessary equipment to operate our safety boats
- Replace worn sail gear
- Replace or purchase new boats to provide the training
- Possibly shift the emphasis of our training from youth to adults, where we seem to have more success

Racing - For a number of years our racing activity has been in decline. We have to decide if this is going to remain a priority of our Club as it is defined in our Bylaws

- What we can do to create more club interest
- What we can do to increase external interest in our program
- Explore our ability to include social members to act as crew or on the Race Committee
- Try to merge our sailing and entertainment programs more effectively so that racing days are entertainment days

Cruising - Although highly successful this year there is one segment of the membership that does not derive full benefit

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from the cruising agenda. We need to pay more attention to bringing the smaller boat owners into the program so that they can enjoy the benefits of the camaraderie.

Entertainment - Again this was a highly successful area of our program, but there are improvements that can be made. We have to integrate the actions of the Members Services Group and the Food and Beverage Operation. Beyond the planning for events we also have to ensure that we plan well into the future because of the growing importance of holding hosted events at the house. This makes up a significant proportion of our food and beverage revenue but the bottom line is that the Club is for members but with good planning and coordination we should be able to achieve both goals.

Policy

This will be an area of ongoing development and frustration. It will be developed because we need it and the frustration will come because there will be few volunteers interested in developing it. We need policy development in many areas. A list of possible candidates is:

- How business is conducted with the office on a normal or abnormal basis where our rules are breached
- procedures for dealing with misconduct and the application of discipline so that it is standardized
- procedures for dealing with emergencies
- procedures for maintaining a safe club
- procedures for protecting the environment
- procedures for collecting the information generated from committees so that it can be reviewed at the Committee of Management

Organization

The basic organization of the Club was started this year but there is a requirement to expand upon the information generated to the point that each staff member, volunteer board member and committees understand their roles and responsibilities. This project may take more than another year to develop because of the level of detail required.

THE UGLY

There is really only one area of Club operation that is unacceptable. Simply put it is how we treat each other and that is not pretty to other members or to outsiders.

This year, and in almost every year that I have been involved as a volunteer there has been a tendency by some groups of members and notable individuals to malign those who volunteer, our staff and our fellow members. This year, despite an unprecedented effort to keep people informed, to put the financial decisions out to the membership for approval, to

include everyone in our meetings and events there have been a number of instances recorded where staff, volunteers and other members have been offered abuse. We have had equipment damaged, doors broken down, the release of information and fabrications to journalists of questionable integrity and the personal property of volunteers damaged. If you were not aware of where this report was generated you would likely conclude it came from a detention facility.

These actions have eroded our ability to get the volunteers we need to operate the club, has kept members out of the common areas, has cause some members to quit and others not to join and has cost you out of pocket to repair the damage caused by the vandalism.

I have no idea why members with an attitude of disrespect as large as this would want to remain in the Club but the bottom line is that it has to stop or the second option might be to deploy some resources to sever the source from our association. The first step has been taken - there is a Code of Conduct posted in the Club. If you see members abusing it, approach them and ask them to be reasonable. If they won't, let someone in authority know. You all pay a lot of money to enjoy our Club: do not let malcontents take away that pleasure, it is your right.

CONCLUSIONS

The Club is presently operating at an adequate level of efficiency with the infrastructure that we have in place. We need to carefully plan for our future needs and prioritize our infrastructure projects on a basis where risk assessment is considered. That risk assessment must include people and equipment.

We will need to continue completing the projects that have been identified in the yard. It should be noted that these tasks are often outside the purview of the yard staff who work on boat handling, marina infrastructure, yard placements, hazardous material storage and day to day assignments as they pertain to the provision of service to members. Building repair, road and ground repair, electrical repair and replacement, security and the development of policy and rules for the yard are on the periphery of their duties and are usually handled by the Yard Chair.

We have been through a capital allocation for yard projects but it may be time to start considering capital projects for the house. The plumbing and electrical systems are a source of concern.

We may have to consider capital procurement to sustain our learn to sail program or at very least devise a method of creating funding to support the program.

We need work on the development of our racing program. Perhaps we will have to consider developing a program that maximizes the use of our natural assets.

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We need to develop a working protocol so that food services, cruising, racing and entertainment can be planned and operate in harmony with events sponsored by outside agencies.

We need to keep working on growing our membership and providing them with the best service possible with the resources we have.

We should maintain our planning documents and continue a high level of communication with the membership.

We should continue developing and documenting our organization.

We should begin the collection of information and policy into a singular jurisdiction and also include all records of committee activity. We may have to give more direction to committees in terms of information gathering to achieve this goal.

We need to address the member to member and member to staff abuse that is occurring almost daily. There may have to be consequences set out for these actions.

There is an unacceptable level of vandalism being caused by members that needs to be addressed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We should hold a meeting of Committee Chairs at the beginning of the year and attempt to plan and organize efforts, and address the need to keep records.

The Committee of Management should consider a method of prioritizing projects in their planning documents. The Strategic Planning Committee should advise the Committee on their best estimate of projects that are needed and the priority that they should be afforded.

The Sail Training Committee should be expanded and some thought should be given to fundraising or to requesting capital procurement of needed equipment.

The Race Committee should begin deliberations early in the year to see what can be done to enhance our racing program and to solicit assistance where required.

The Cruise Committee should begin deliberations early in the year and develop strategies for increasing participation.

The members of the Committee of Management, the Office and the Food and Beverage staff who plan and execute events should develop a protocol that covers all the contingencies that have to be dealt with for the successful

delivery of club events.

The Membership and Communications Committees should continue on their membership initiatives. There is likely a case for some funding in this project.

Communications with the membership should be maintained at a high level and possibly be expanded. Perhaps some interactive communications should be explored or submissions from members solicited.

There needs to be an immediate and persistent program in place to improve the decorum of the club.

FINAL REMARKS

In general terms it has been a very interesting year of recovery at AYC. We have morphed into being the operators of a large staff, running a complicated business with a rather ambiguous relationship between the "Board" and the staff levels of the organization. Amazingly enough, the relationship has produced some good results and that did not happen by chance. Every member of this Club should be aware of the high level of effort, support and cooperation from our staff. It has had some imperfect moments but the effort of these people has added enormously to our ability to deliver the services you require. They should be very proud of the work they have done.

The outlook for the coming year is optimistic from my point of view. We have to continue many projects that have started and some new ones that will be required. The most daunting task is the policy writing that will involve many members of the Committee of Management and their Committees, but that time is upon us.

I hope that his report gives each of you an overview of Club activity this year and that it exposes our jewels and our warts. When you are going somewhere, it is always handy to know your starting point.



NEW AYC MEMBERS !

On behalf of all AYC members and staff, greetings to the following new members, recently approved by the Committee of Management!

SENIOR

Angus Cameron (Power);
Boat Name - MAKO II

SOCIAL

Dale Bennett & Associate Marsha Bennett

Your fellow AYC members look forward to meeting you!

FROM THE OFFICE
By **CHRISTINE BRAY**

A reminder that most winter storage invoices are now due.

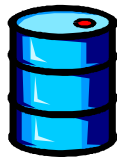


If you have questions about or changes to your invoice, or if you have not received your invoice, please contact the office as soon as possible.

FROM the YARD
By **WADE HENNEBERRY**

Oil Recovery Site: Please place items in the proper containers. Read the labels carefully. Any items such as: rags, empty containers, etc., should be placed in the garbage container also labeled and located in the oil area.

If you note that the barrel is getting full, please notify the staff. Member participation in this program is essential to its success!



The yard staff will be taking over the task of raising and lowering the flags. During the winter season, the flags will be flown from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Monday to Friday. The schedule will be adjusted for the summer season on the May long weekend.

INTERESTING LINKS

Want to be "knottie"? Visit: www.animatedknots.com

Marinas and Yacht Clubs in Eastern Canada: www.capmarina.com. This is a free service.

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

Environment Canada - Marine Forecast Halifax Harbour and Approaches: http://weather.ec.gc.ca/marine/marine_e.html?44258

Boats for sale at www.yachtware.net.

Free buy/sell/trade service for boaters (Atlantic Canada) www.atlanticcanadaboats.com

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AYC CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS PARTY



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12
2:00 - 5:00 PM

BUFFET REFRESHMENTS
MILO THE CLOWN
SANTA CLAUSE

(The Eastcom has been booked to bring Santa and his bag of gifts to the Club)

Please purchase a gift for your child to a maximum value of \$15 so that Santa is perceived as being fair to all. All gifts need to be gift wrapped with the name of the child securely attached. Please leave your gift at the office or bar at least one day prior.

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(except Affiliate Membership)

YARD CHAIR REPORT

By JEFF ROWE



My report this month will be brief because I plan to give a detailed year-end project and budget summary in the December edition of the Burgee. So, for now there are just a few housekeeping items.

First of all, I would like to thank everybody who voted for me at the Annual Budget Meeting on November 9. Your support gives me the opportunity to serve for another year on the COM and continue on with the Capital Projects that I started earlier this year.

Around the yard, I would like to remind everybody to fully utilize the new recycling center located outside the entrance to the workshop. This center contains barrels for motor oil and antifreeze, as well as open drums for oil filters and general garbage. All drums are clearly marked so please use them as directed. If a drum is full, then leave sealed containers with your oil or antifreeze on the shelf inside the container, not on the ground in front of the container. If oil or antifreeze is accidentally spilled, please use the supplied paper towels or absorbent pads to keep this facility clean. Keep in mind the yard crew has gone to great lengths to set up this facility and make it as effective and user friendly as possible so it is frustrating and insulting to them when members disregard the signs and use the facility inappropriately.

On a related note, please keep in mind it is a serious violation of club rules to intentionally spew toxic antifreeze (ethylene glycol (EG) – usually green) onto the pavement or into the Arm when servicing your engine. Because of the toxicity of EG, flagrant violation of this rule can result in immediate suspension. Whether you are winterizing in the fall, or purging your engine in the spring, every attempt must be made to capture the antifreeze in a bucket which can then be poured into the appropriate barrel in our recycling center. I am not convinced that it is even necessary to use EG at all. I recently did quite a bit of research about using EG versus plumbing antifreeze (propylene glycol (PG)) when winterizing diesel engines. I cannot find any independent scientific evidence that proves that PG is inadequate for winterizing diesels, especially considering that good quality PG has rust inhibitors built in which makes it suitable for completely raw water cooled engines as well as diesels equipped with separate heat exchanger cooling systems. Even if the corrosion protection offered by PG is not as good as EG, it is certainly a lot better than the salt water which sits in

your engine for 6 or 8 months of the year anyway. The key is to make sure your system is drained so the antifreeze does not get diluted inside your engine. If anybody has any questions or comments on this topic, please call or email me and I would be glad to share my findings on this topic.

Email – yard@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca; Cell - 830-3909.

Jeff Rowe – Yard Chair

Don Robinson and Dave Hickey – Yard Subcommittee

Watch Your Lingo!

One foggy night a mother mouse and children climbed off of a boat and were on the wharf searching for food. One of the offspring was suddenly confronted by a large Tomcat from a nearby ship. The mother ran to the defence and started barking and growling like a huge dog. The cat, not knowing what to make of things, ran off into the mist. She gathered her kids and told them: "Now you understand the importance of a second language!"

Source: <http://www.volunteer-yachtclub.com/funny.html>

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FLEET CAPTAIN, CRUISE REPORT

By GRANT KENNEDY

(Photos Courtesy of Carl Goodwin, Mary Keddy, and Barrie MacLeod)

2010 proved to be a great cruising year...thanks to the weather, thanks to the enthusiastic cruisers and many thanks to a hard working Cruise Committee.

Here are the highlights of 2010 :

Approximately 16 boats and over 40 people decided to head northeast for a change. What's east you ask?

A marina, heated pool, restaurant, bar, hotel – Who could ask for more in JEDDORE!



A favourite gathering for many who came by land and sea. Thirty plus boat loads of pirates. What you miss you Pot luck dinner,

fireworks, treasure hunt, pirate dancing, hot tub, steak dinner – do we need to say more about the McGRATH'S COVE RAFT-UP weekend! What do many AYC boats do after a weekend in McGrath's Cove? Head southwest to various destinations enjoying Lunenburg Folk Festival, raft ups in MAHONE BAY and lobster in Hubbards.



Did the 17 boats really know where the BACHMAN'S ISLAND BBQ was? Where else but McNab's Island of course!



Our best Attended event – The most boats, The most hands and the Most dinners.



What are we talking about – the ANNUAL AYC POKER RUN!

What's the next best thing to do after enjoying a prime rib dinner with approximately fifty (50) members and friends? A HARVEST MOON CRUISE aboard 5 participating AYC



AYC HALLOWEEN DANCE

OCTOBER 30, 2010

(Photos Courtesy of Ian Milley and Janice Ptak)

It isn't the red carpet at the Academy Awards, just Halloween Eve in the AYC parking lot but, in the photo below, isn't that the famous couple from Hollyrock?!

Below: Fred and Wilma Flintstone (Ian and Darlene) appear to have arrived in style. Turns out the limo was actually delivering other party people (Ralph King and company). However, who could resist this photo opportunity?! Fred and Wilma took the prize for 'Best Couples' costume.



Below: OMG, this party's gone to Hell... Hell's Kitchen that is!

Making their debut, this team is all dressed up in red and white...they may be good chefs, judging by Janice's flattering figure, but evidently not so handy with the sharp kitchen utensils! L-R, Janice, Dave, Neil and Gloria cooked up something good with this 'Theme/Group Costume' that swept up the prize in that category.



Above: The colourful Sweeney Todd (did you guess Dave Sears?!) poses above with his lovely wife, Leslie - he made a BIG impression, having received the prize for 'Best Individual' costume...but what do you figure are the odds that it was Leslie who dressed him for the part?!

Ian Milley says, "It was a great night and the majority of the attendees were there until well past midnight and quite a large number hung into until the 1 AM last dance.

Bruce Wheaton was a "one man show" and if you didn't actual see he was one guy, you'd swear there was a group playing!"

Below: Well, Ian, looks like Bruce did have some LIVELY company for at least part of the evening! (Rob, Elaine and Janet)



HAPPY HALLOWEEN



3rd ANNUAL AYC PHOTO CONTEST GRAND PRIZE WINNER ANNOUNCED!

This year the Communications Committee orchestrated a series of votes to conclude the overall winner of our annual photo contest!

Each Friday night in October we posted a different group of photo entries that remained on display through the week while members cast their vote to decide the 1st, 2nd 3rd place winners, for the following prizes.

1st place – name entered as a finalist for the grand prize of a \$100 voucher for AYC branded merchandise;

2nd place – \$30 credited to the member’s 2010 Minimum Usage Fee (MUF) account;

3rd place – voucher redeemable for an AYC T-shirt (any size/colour in stock).

On the fourth Friday, the finalist photos were posted, members voted one last time, and we declared the grand prize winner, Pauline Grantham (of the vessel “Lazy Daze”), on November 5th!

We hope you had fun participating in this event. Remember to keep your camera handy because plans are to run the context again next summer!

The Grand Prize Winner - Pauline Grantham

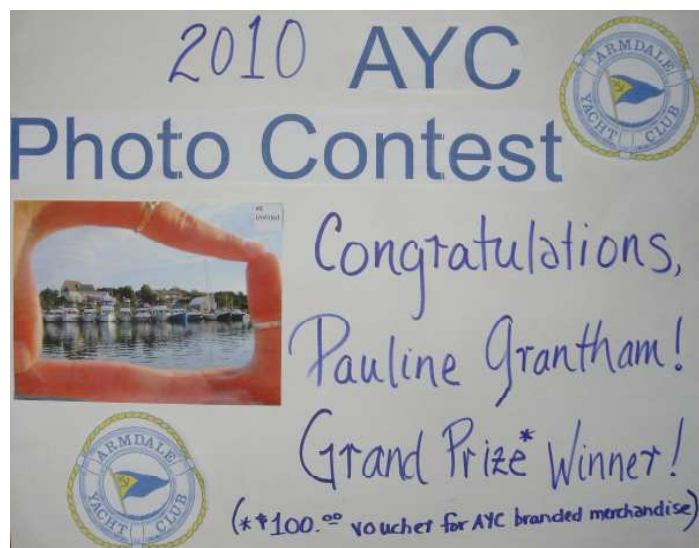


Photo Courtesy of Barrie MacLeod

Week 1 - Winning Entries



1st - Pauline Grantham, Untitled



2nd - Rosalyn MacLeod, Grampie & Grandson II



3rd - Diana Wolff, Dog Day at AYC

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Week 2 - Winning Entries



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2-way tie for 1st

- Above, Anna Chow, The Deep Thinker (a.k.a. Buddy Waits (But He Waits));
Right - Rick Gogan,



2nd - Janice Ptak, The Shadow



3rd - Ian Galloway, Sou'wester

Week 3 - Winning Entries

1st - Dave Hickey - Untitled



2nd - Barrie MacLeod - 22 Foot Boats Can Travel Too
4-way tie for 3rd - Anna Chow, The Taste Testers; Rick Gogan, Tide'N Knots

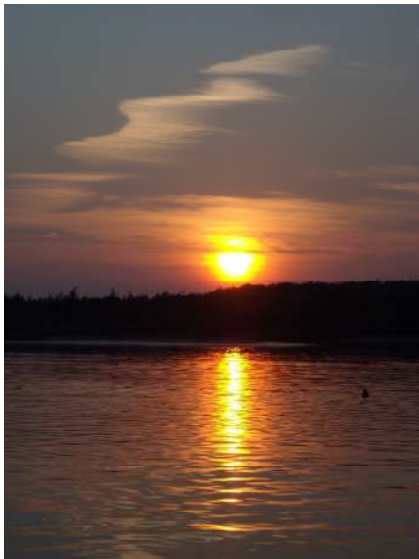


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Week 3 - 4-way tie for 3rd place...
Above, Rosalyn MacLeod, Grampie & Grandson;



Left,
Diana
Wolff -
Sunset at
Wreck
Cove



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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.

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Boardroom (seats 15 comfortably)
Members - expense recovery;
Non-Members - \$50. per day.

Upper Ward Room
(up to 125 for buffet or stand up reception)
OR Dining Room (seats 40 comfortably)
Members - \$100. (clean up fee), plus expense recovery;
Non Members - \$150. with food; \$225. without food.
If more than 75 people, additional charges may apply.

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.)
Prices subject to change without notice.*

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

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.

November						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3 COM Mtg 7 PM	4	5 Photo Contest Results - Final	6
7	8	9 AYC BUDGET & ELECTION MTG. 7 PM	10	11 Remembrance Day	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Commodore's Ball
21 AYC Private Function 2 - 5 PM Bar Open Downstairs	22	23	24	25 AYC Darts 7 PM	26	27 CPS Nautical Decorations Wkshp 7 PM Dicey Riley 7:30 PM
28	29	30				

December						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2 AYC Darts 7 PM	3	4 Connors Family Christmas Party 8:30 PM
5	6	7	8	9 AYC Darts 7 PM	10	11 Coachworks Christmas Party 8 PM
12 AYC Kids' Christmas Party 2 - 5 PM	13	14	15 COM Mtg 7 PM	16 AYC Darts 7 PM	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day
26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	