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March 19 - St. Patrick's Day Matinee
March 27 - Spring Yachting Meeting
April 9 - Spring Splash

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YOUR 2011 COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT



Commodore
Jim McBurney

I am a retired Naval Officer. My 'significant other' is Anna Chow. I was the Commodore at Shearwater for two years in 1978 and 1979. My goal is to make AYC a welcoming Club where members, their families and friends can come to enjoy themselves. My philosophy is that the COM and the Staff operate the Club and it is the job of the members to enjoy it!

Vice Commodore



Paul Taylor

I am happy to be back on the COM after a successful 2010. Priorities for this year include trying to move our F&B operation to a break even financial position, streamlining the administrative operations of the club, making further progress on our capital projects and working with our Rear Commodore to continue to market and grow the membership of AYC.



Rear Commodore
Mary Keddy

I've thoroughly enjoyed representing members on the AYC COM as Communications Chair (aka Burgee Editor), and am now looking forward to more new experiences in my role as Rear Commodore. My intended focus this year will be on marketing efforts to enhance our Club's profile in our community, and making a positive contribution to enhance the Racing Program at AYC.



Fleet Captain Sail
Stuart Schnare

I have been a member of Armdale for many years, and have learned to sail by participating in racing, since first joining the club with my Bluenose in 1980. My sons both learned to sail through the club's junior sailing program. My wife Elaine and I presently race our soling "Krestel" on Wednesday nights. This is my second term as Fleet Captain Sail and I have also held the position of rear Commodore and Secretary.

Fleet Captain Cruise

Grant Kennedy

My wife is Penny MacAuley. My history is: 25 years Navy; 21 years CTV; and 6 years with the Navy Dockyard. My objective on the COM this year is to try to extend the cruising area of smaller boats, by having them travel with larger vessels that have more navigational equipment.



Treasurer

Phil Currie

I am currently the Executive Director of Atlantic University Sport and come from a diverse business background in the dive industry, Food and Beverage, Event Planning and Management, Budget Development and Event Financing, Government Relations - but I believe that my biggest and most important achievement is being a loving father to my two beautiful girls, Bella Jane and Maggie, and a constant source of support for my life partner, Corrine. I am hoping that my background will allow me to provide a fresh perspective on the management of AYC while working closely with a great team of fellow COM members.



Secretary

Michael MacDonald

I am an Electrical Engineer and work for CBCL Limited in Halifax. My wife's name is Anne. This is my second time serving on the COM, and I look forward to another interesting and rewarding year.



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**Yard Chair
Jeff Rowe**

This my second term on the COM - I served as Rear Commodore in 2008 when my focus was capital project funding and strategic planning. I decided to volunteer for the COM once again because as I said in the AGM, I feel very privileged to have a boat and be a member of a great club like AYC, so this is an opportunity for me to give something back. I believe in the spirit and the traditions of the club and everything I would like to do here stems from that. My priorities for the coming year will be to continue with infrastructure improvement utilizing the Capital Reserve Fund and the reduction of our environmental footprint.



**House Chair
Jack Barnes**

My Goal is make this beautiful and historic property just a little better. A new roof, a new paint job, address landscaping issues and attention to detail in the house. Listening to Members and their concerns, will make our Club a great place enjoy our passion, to be comfortable in House as well as on the water.



**Entertainment Chair
Sheila English**

My husband is Bill English and we have 2 daughters and 3 grandsons - whom our boat is named after. This is my second term as Entertainment Chair, the first was in 2009. I have been retired for 5 years having worked 27 years for Alaint and 3 years for Halifax International Airport Authority. Our family has enjoyed social events at Armdale Yacht Club for many years and my goal is to keep the good times happening!



**Communications Chair
Lisa Noonan**

Pat and I are transplanted Albertans, and since we've made Halifax our new home we have never looked back. We have been members here at Armdale since 2004. We have spent many fine summers sailing on our Tanzer "Noonan Knight", and plan to enjoy several more! This is my first term with the Committee of Management, and I am hoping to take away a lot of experiences and knowledge, and with a little luck, leave behind a bit of my own.



**Director of Sail Training
Jeff Nelson**

A passionate sailor and racer who has volunteered as Commodore and Sail Training director at Nepean Sailing Club. An Amherstonian who worked for Nortel until it's untimely death and has returned home to his roots to rebuild a dream in sailing and racing.



**Social Member Representative
Reg Grant**

I'm a semi retired 59 year old. I started coming to AYC in 1988, my introduction to sailing with friends. I'm interested in boats, race cars, anything mechanical, cooking and having fun at AYC. My first idea as the voice of the Social Membership of Armdale Yacht Club 2011 is to contact directly every social member by email or by phone to introduce myself, and to explain what I can do for the members. I would like to see more social member involvement in club activities.

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AYC eNews - Wednesdays 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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1/2 page: \$ 95.00

1 page: \$ 175.00

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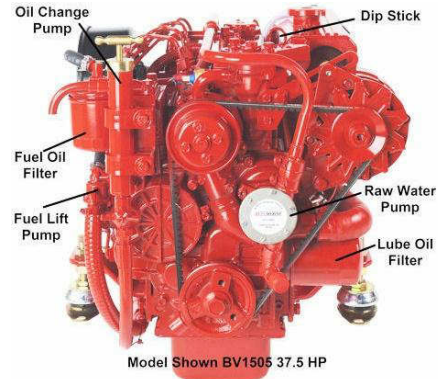


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COMMODORE'S REPORT

By Jim McBurney

Over the years I have had the opportunity to write a number of articles for the Burgee, but this has to be the strangest scenario to date. Anna and I are close to the “water” capital

of Missouri that consists of a couple of lakes created by dams on the White River that runs out of the Ozark Mountains. That's right; we are in the centre of Hillbilly Country in a place called Branson, a town with more theatres and shows than Nashville that brings in millions of tourist each year. Like me, it is “off season” so we have had an opportunity to talk to some of the locals, and those conversations bring me back to Halifax and to the Yacht Club that we all call ours.

That connection is a little less obtuse that you might expect... here in the prairies where water is everything, there is almost an envy of what we have been blessed with in Nova Scotia. Many cannot comprehend the idea of a city three times as large as theirs nestled on a harbour connected to a body of water that can be used to travel thousands of miles. They think of a twenty six foot boat as something that is large and anything over forty feet would, in their minds, be used to earn money as a tourist boat! When you ask the question, “would you travel to see what we have”, the answer is always, “I would love to”!

Sometimes you only appreciate what you have as you share those things that others offer.

On this trip, because of a number of issues, I was unable to attend the Annual General Meeting. I knew it would go well because I have total faith in the team that you elected to the COM. I also share the feeling with other members of that group that the Membership always does the right thing no matter what the situation.

Before I began the preparation of this report, I had no information on how the meeting unfolded and it occurred to me just how important our communications program is to those that can't always get to the Club. Fortunately, with Internet service just about everywhere you go,

I was able to get an update from the Vice Commodore who forwarded the eNews submission that he prepared as an adjunct to the AGM. There was some “tough” business decisions made at that meeting. I know how hard the COM team worked on the presentations and once again I am humbled by the support demonstrated by those who attended the meeting.

There are those among us that do not have access to electronic communications, so I thought it might be worthwhile to summarize the Vice Commodore's eNews report.

Yard and House activities for 2010 operated on the positive side of the ledger, while the Food and Beverage operations resulted in a loss. After allowance for our contributions to the capital fund, overall operations showed a loss.

Positives that we take away from these numbers include the fact that we now derive 90% of our capital activity from the capital funds where such activity should be. Our fund surpluses grew and we were carrying no bank debt at the end of the year. On the “not so positive” side, our unrestricted funds are lower and we are now financing an operating loss through the capital account.

Members approved a capital program for the coming year comprised of four projects. The existing culvert in our causeway is deteriorating and if not fixed, the reduced flow will lead to poor water quality in the back cove and significant algae growth during the summer months. It was decided to install a new pipe in a separate trench. This cost is quite a bit lower than expected because Connors Diving has graciously donated the pipe for this project. The pavement on the western side of the driveway leading down from the clubhouse is also in need of repair to prevent further collapse onto the hillside and to make it safe for vehicles to transit the hill as well as park. In order to successfully operate our expanded sail training programs, a five year re-investment plan has been developed. Investments this year will include two new sails for our fleet of 420's as well as the replacement of two outboard motors for the chase boats.

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The bottom line is that there is much work to do, but the membership has granted us the opportunity to proceed with the COM part of the process. What we really need to make the program work is the attendance and the assistance of the membership: the more each one of you participate the greater the probability of success.

In the near future you can expect some new committees to be organized as we work our way through documenting our organization and our procedures. These tasks are critical in assisting us not to make the same mistakes we have already visited and to serve as a guide for those that will fill the COM positions of the future.

The boating season is just ahead and soon we can all get back to doing what we all have in common, using our club and our boats. The anticipation grows!

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

By Paul Taylor

The Armdale membership proved its reputation as anything but fair weather sailors by facing down the storm on the evening of February 28th to attend the Armdale Yacht Club Annual General Meeting. As you know according to the By-laws, this meeting must be held before the end of February and we made it, just under the wire.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the overall status of the Club and approve the capital budget plan for the upcoming year. I will spend the remainder of this report on the results of the meeting for the benefit of those who were unable to attend.

The Club auditor, Levy, Casey, Carter and MacLean provided the results of their review of our financial statements. They concluded that our books are in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Operations for 2010 showed a surplus before accounting for the Food and Beverage Division. Food and beverage showed a loss, leaving the club a modest overall balance. After allowance for a contribution to the capital fund, overall operations showed a small loss.



include the fact that we now derive 90% of our capital activity from the capital funds where such activity should be. Our fund surpluses grew, and we were carrying no bank debt at the end of the year. On the "not so positive" side, our unrestricted funds are down, and due to the loss on the food and beverage side we are now financing that small loss through the capital account.

Significant discussion took place with respect to food and beverage operations. On the positive side, revenues doubled to almost \$250,000, customer satisfaction grew throughout the year and confidence in the product has returned. Valuable experience has been gained. On the "not so positive" side, the operating loss was larger than forecast in October, when allowing for one time set up costs and accounting adjustments. Start up challenges and problems with our back office set up certainly contributed to the understanding of the problem, but staffing costs are also too high. Changes in staffing and business hours have been made, new management systems have been put in place and perhaps most importantly, the back office support systems necessary to generate accurate data and forecast have now been developed. Through a combination of better management, cost control and revenue growth, we plan to reduce the size of the deficit this year, but it is unlikely to be eliminated in one year.

Member services have come a long way this year. We have a very active Communications / Membership Committee that is vigorously pursuing a number of issues including a new membership survey and a "buddy System" orientation program for new members. They are actively planning a variety of social events including a new member appreciation night, the "Spring Splash", for April 9th, and it sounds like an event not to be missed! Regular distribution of the E-news and Burgee, maintenance of the web site as well as a new Member Directory and photo contest will also find their way onto the Committee's agenda so it promises to be a very busy year. In addition, full racing and cruising programs have already been developed for the coming summer so stay tuned for more details in the E-News and the Burgee. A complete sail training program is also planned including programs for youth, women's learn to sail and an expanded adult co-ed learn to sail.

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AYC Spring Splash

MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT!

*Open to all AYC
members and their
guests...*

WHEN: *April 9, 2011*

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WHERE: *AYC Clubhouse*

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*Vice Commodore's Report
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As all private clubs do, we have challenges which constantly face us and we will continue to confront them. Our 200+ year old facilities provide us with ongoing maintenance excitement on a daily basis, but that is one small price to pay for operating out of the finest marine location in metro. And our move into the food and beverage business reminds us that nothing is as easy as it seems, but it too is something we remain optimistic that we will continually improve upon.

Finally, as we officially close out the 2010 year, I would like to once again remember the many fine members of the Armdale family who passed away during the year. This was an especially tough year in that regard and not a day goes by that we do not miss their company and good humour. Our condolences go out once again to their families and friends as we say thank you for the years with which we were blessed with their company.

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

By Mary Keddy

I have to say that I am really looking forward to getting past these -15 degree days...thankfully that'll be soon now that we're into March! Before we know it, the Yard will be transformed as it awakens once again to the sweet sounds of AYC members preparing their vessels for the Spring launch!



We're in pretty good shape on the Member Services side of the operation. Reg Grant is already talking it up with the Social and Affiliate Members, who he represents on the COM, to learn more about their cares, concerns and ideas. Grant Kennedy has the Cruise program set for the season, and Jeff Nelson is already taking registrations for a full slate of Sail Training Programs he has scheduled from May to September. Stuart Schnare is holding the First Yachting Meeting on March 26 at 1:00 PM at the Clubhouse and we're looking forward to a good turnout to provide input that will set expectations for the upcoming sail racing season. Sheila English is working with her Committee to ensure we have lots of entertainment events happening at AYC through the year, and Lisa Noonan will ensure that we receive timely notification of all activities at AYC via our eNews, The Burgee and the AYC web site.

One area I hope to progress further this year with the help of the Membership and Communications Committees is to increase awareness of the AYC within our community. We have a number of initiatives in the hopper, one of which is a member appreciation event coming up on April 9 called the "Spring Splash". This event will welcome all members who joined AYC since January, 2010, thank all existing members for their continued loyalty, and encourage **every** member to invite friends and family who might themselves become members - whether or not they own a boat! We are also still looking for **sponsors** for this event, so if you are able to donate a prize we would very much appreciate hearing from you via e-mail at springsplash@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca or phone (902) 452-3616. You'll see more details about this event elsewhere in this issue of The Burgee and in the eNews over the next few weeks. Tickets will be on sale the last two weeks in March at \$15 each.

As you can see, a lot of good things are in store for the coming months...so please don't be shy about spreading the word that AYC is the Club to be part of! 'Til next time, be happy and stay safe!

Valentine's Day



The Valentine's Day dinner and dance was, by all accounts, a momentous event. There was much food, music and merriment. Member turn-out was impressive, and if this is an indication of the kind of attendance we can expect for our entertainment events this year, we are in for a really busy season! There was something for everyone; whether you were in to enjoy the fabulous buffet dinner (the chicken with goat cheese was delish, thank you David!) or you were just in for the dance (the Corvettes put on a great show - you can be sure these guys will be back), or if you came for the full evening, you were sure to have a great time! A big kudos to Sheila English and her team of planning - and - decorating elves for a successful event. See you back for the St. Patty's Day Matinee!



Saturday March 5, there was a **fund raiser auction** and dance at AYC, proceeds going to help our yard foreman **Wade Henneberry** with an expensive medical procedure. Member turnout was, once again, inspirational. At the writing of this article the final numbers for the money raised for Wade are not yet available, but the generosity of those who took part in the auction was evident, and truly a testament to the kind of support and camaraderie we have at AYC. Thanks to all those who organized, donated, contributed, and attended.



HOUSE CHAIR REPORT

By Jack Barnes

Since my appointment to the position of House Chair, we have used the shut down period in January for major in house cleaning, interior painting, refurbishing of existing chairs, and have done major improvements in the Bar.

There was professional carpet cleaning throughout the building. A new door was installed for the Manager's Office. The interior of the Club was accessed as to priority of needs cosmetically. It was decided the Upper Ward room needed to be configured in a more welcoming manner. To that issue, furniture was reset in groupings for conversation; area carpet was added along with both live and artificial plants to give a club atmosphere. Music has been added as a soft background enhancement. We were fortunate to have a donation of past Club member JB's dining room table and chairs. As a tribute to a long time member this setting is now known as the JB'S Captain Table and may be reserved for parties of 6 in the dining room.



There is a new and very special addition to the dining room at Armdale. The JB'S Captain Table is a special place for dinner parties of 6 and can be reserved in advance.

JB was a dedicated member of Armdale Yacht Club and his Tuesday tradition of opening his home for dinner to the friends and members of the club was enjoyed by many. His table and chairs were generously donated and now his memory lives on. A plaque to honour his memory has been placed on the table.

JB will live on in our hearts.

-by Pamela Barnes

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After listening to the different needs and wishes of Management and Club Members, the issue of the Lower Ward room was addressed as far as lighting during the Dart competition. The room also posed problems with tables that were too large and the big screen TV being in the way. All issues were addressed and have been resolved.

On January 19th Mother Nature decided to play a trick on us, and the pipes under the building froze during our -25° temperatures. After professional inspection, it was assessed that old copper had eroded and needed to be replaced. As a result, based on need, a major repair including excavating to add an insulated wall, replacing and restoring insulation was done to protect this from happening again. This was an expense that was not foreseen but with a building of this age, surprises lurk around every corner.

The 15 year or older roof of the building has been approved by the membership for replacement.

The 2 large green dumpsters at the top of the driveway have been moved down to the yard and will be placed in a specific area fenced, at a later date.

2011 Model Boat Builder Display

The Model Boat Builders displays have become a spring tradition at AYC, showcasing the talents of members of our yacht club and the community

(Right) Norm Raine proudly displays some of his handiworks



(Left) Model Boat Builder John Davies and some of his creations

Captain Tom Mountain

(article by Barrie MacLeod)

On the Wardroom wall in our clubhouse is a plaque honouring the members of Armdale Yacht Club who put their lives on the line for their country in World War II. Thanks to Ex-Commodore Karen Smith for getting this done. One of those so honoured is Captain Tom Mountain who was a Merchant Marine captain with Imperial Oil throughout war. Capt. Mountain was born in Liverpool, England and raised in Prince Edward Island. During the war he skippered tankers carrying vital cargoes of oil to Europe through U-Boat infested waters. His *Reginolite* was one of the last ships to leave Le Havre as the Germans took possession.



By 1942 Capt. Mountain was skipper of the Imperial Oil tanker *Cargolite*, just returned from England in convoy and now running down the eastern seaboard to Venezuela to collect more oil. Off Key West

their escort ship left and on 9 May 1942, *Cargolite* was torpedoed and shelled in the Caribbean about 240 kilometres south of Cuba's Isle Of Pines. The only person hurt was Capt. Mountain who injured his foot sliding down the rope to the lifeboat. Heading to Venezuela, the tanker was in ballast, full of sea water instead of petroleum product as it would have been northbound. The lifeboats used sail and oars to reach Neuva Gerona on the Isle of Pines.

Capt. Mountain completed one more ocean crossing on an Imperial Oil tanker and then skippered a series of government built "Park" tankers across for the balance of the war. After the war he came ashore as assistant Port Superintendent for Imperial Oil in Halifax.



In the late 1940s he joined Armdale Yacht Club with his Tancook Schooner "JETO". JETO stood for Jessie & Tom. So soon after the war, if you wanted a yacht, you had to buy a fishing schooner or Cape Island type power boat and build on a cabin. JETO cruised and raced alongside (Maybe just ahead of?) WAWALOON, which is still at AYC today (owned by Gerry Hayman). If you are interested there is an excellent book - "The Tancook Schooners, An Island and Its Boats" by Wayne O'Leary. JETO cruised west to Lunenburg but Capt. Mountain liked going east to Jeddore



and on to Prince Edward Island & St. Pierre. He had obtained the wheel from the Imperial Oil tanker *Reginolite* when it was scrapped and installed it inside the cabin of JETO with lines to
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Capt. Tom Mountain (Continued...)

the tiller so they could steer from inside in heavy weather. On his retirement to the west coast, Capt. Mountain presented this wheel to the Esquimault shipyard where *Reginolite* had been the first ship in the graving dock.

JETO sailed out of A.Y.C. every evening and weekend from May till November. Tom & Jessie Norman, who had owned a restaurant downtown, Ivan & Irene Macleod and Max Lusher were among those aboard. Often the JETO visited an Imperial Oil tanker that would be in port and we would go up the pilot ladder to visit the captain or he would come down to JETO.

Most of the AYC boats went to a happening in Herring Cove twice a year. Power boats had a fishing derby and sailboats

raced. There is a photo in the Commodore's room at AYC still. A church would put on a meal in their hall for the racers who did not have galleys on their boats.



Capt. Mountain & Roy Levin on JETO (AYC members 2011)

“Big Eddy” Burke

Early in February I "spoke" with Ed "Big Eddy" Burke who ran the yard at A.Y.C. for ever it seemed. "Spoke", as in sailing ships passing at sea and saying - "Tell Lloyds



we are 14 days out of Halifax for Lisbon". In this case we were at a Big Stop on the highway. As you can see by the photo he is still Big Ed!

He did a great job as yard foreman for many years and was well loved by the members. Eddy started at Armdale in 1973 and looked after hauling and launching our boats for about 33 years. He will always be a big part of what AYC is and there are lots of us left who remember that Big Eddy was the first person who made us feel welcome at the club. There was a time when Ed, Wade and others played & sang in the Wardroom on Thursday evenings. A big thanks for all Ed did for us boaters. *(article by Barrie MacLeod)*

Nautical Terms

Latitude: the distance you are off course

Longitude: the length of time you are off course!

(Submitted by Ken Bell)

AYC Club Re-Opening Party



*(Left) Terry Hill and his background singers entertaining their fans
(Right) Enjoying the entertainment*



Our club members don't need much of an excuse to party. Just having the club renovations finished for the 2010 / 2011 winter season was enough for this crowd!



*(Left) Where there are beers, there are cheers
(Right) Great talent from the two Robs*





YARD CHAIR REPORT

By Jeff Rowe

On February 28 we held our AGM and despite the miserable weather, we did achieve a quorum of 25. Thanks again to all who braved the elements to make it to that meeting so we could move forward with a number of new initiatives. On the project side, we tabled four capital project proposals which were all approved by the membership. They are as follows:

1) Clubhouse Roof Replacement: Replacement of the shingles on the clubhouse roof (excluding the flat portion) to eliminate persistent leaks and prevent further damage from a very old and deteriorated roof.

2) Sail Training Equipment: Purchase of two new outboard motors and sails for the sail training program.

3) Causeway Culvert Replacement: Placement of a second pipe in the causeway to enhance natural tidal flushing for Marina A. This is necessary to maintain healthy, clean water in that area. The existing pipe is badly deteriorated and partially clogged with sediment and marine growth, and after it was professionally assessed, it was determined it would be physically difficult and dangerous to try and clean it. If room will allow, we will add a second pipe and allow the original culvert to continue to function in a diminished capacity for some time to come. This option is cheaper than removing the existing pipe. Many thanks to **Connors Diving** for generously donating the culvert for this project.

4) Pavement Repairs: The strip of pavement in front of the clubhouse from the phone booth up to the crest of the hill has badly deteriorated and has to be replaced. Some reinforcement of the bank supporting this area may also have to be done at that time.

I also presented the following update of the financials related to the Capital Reserve Fund, these can be seen on the Armdale Yacht Club website in the Member's Only area.

The only change to the 2010 Capital Project update that I provided in the December issue of the Burgee involves the workshop roof. That project was put on hold until the end of last year because the total job cost would have exceeded the approved budget for that project. The original proposal was based a roll roofing solution that turned out to be inappropriate. By comparison, a torched membrane type of roof would have cost in the range of \$8,500. However, since my December report we were able to find a metal roofing product which will solve our problem nicely and still be within the original budget of \$6,200. Therefore this project has gone ahead and to date, about 75% of this job is completed. Thanks to Jack Barnes for his assistance in finding this product.

One other thank you goes out to Alex Cross who generously (and expertly as usual) shrink-wrapped the AYC work boat for the third year in a row at no cost to the club! This is especially appreciated by the yard crew who always take a great deal of pride in the annual refurbishment of this work boat. The shrink wrap helps to keep the boat looking great until launch day while protecting a very important asset. Thank you Alex from the whole Committee of Management.

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Bottom Paint

Once again the Club will be selling Ameron ablative bottom paint with the proceeds going to the Junior sailing program.

The paint is available in Red, Blue and Black. The price is \$155.00 tax included. Please book your orders with the Club's business office.

If there is interest we will put on another seminar on preparation, application and maintenance of bottom coats later in the spring.

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In Memoriam

On a more personal side, I would like to take this opportunity to say a few words about the passing of one of the members of my subcommittee. As everybody knows by now, on Christmas day our friend and long time member, Dave Hickey, passed away after a prolonged battle with cancer. At his funeral it was heartwarming to hear Dave's family and friends share their feelings and memories of his life which provided comfort to all who were grieving this sudden loss. This also gave us a glimpse of the many aspects of Dave's life that few people got to see at the club.

My experiences with Dave were somewhat limited but even within the confines of the club, I got to know him quite well and I put tremendous value on his friendship and guidance, especially during this past year while he served on the Yard Subcommittee. Besides his eternally positive outlook and commitment to improving the club, I benefited tremendously from his ability to motivate others and organize volunteers for a number of projects. Also, in Dave's final weeks I was deeply moved by his dignity and quiet resignation while in the grasp of a certain fate. This showed the true depth of his character which was never in doubt for those who knew him well. So for those who have passed on, all we can do is think of them from time to time and strive to honor their memories. And for Dave, I plan to do this by continuing to improve our club and promote cooperation and camaraderie while preserving the history and traditions of AYC. That was the essence of the person I knew.



The Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron would like to extend a warm invitation to all Nova Scotia sailors to participate in the 2011 Marblehead Ocean Race.

We are pleased to host racers from the United States and Canada at the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron, and we would like to especially encourage all Nova Scotia ocean sailors to register for this international event. We have produced a fantastic program this year, and we are thrilled to once again host the finishing celebration events and award ceremony.

As per the requirements in the NOR for the 2011 Marblehead to Halifax Ocean Race, the committee has organized two dates for competitors to fulfill the safety training requirement.

Survival Systems Safety at Sea Courses:

- Friday, March 11 - 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Friday, June 10 - 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

RSVP to Survival Systems, Heather Kerley:

465-3888 Ext. 103

Email - HeatherK@sstl.com

(Further dates can be made available for groups of 6 or more)

ISAF/OSR2 requirements stipulate that "At least 30%, but not less than two members, of a crew, including the skipper, shall have undertaken training within the five years before the start of the race." Attend a one day-long seminar on safe seamanship, heavy-weather tactics, and boat preparation. See safety-equipment demos and crew-overboard-recovery techniques and participate in "hands-on" training. The Seminar for the 2011 Marblehead to Halifax Race in Nova Scotia will be held at Survival Systems Trailing on March 11th and June 10th 2011.

We will be holding an Information Meeting to answer any questions participants may have about the upcoming race, and any changes to the rules and requirements. There will be a discussion about pre-race yacht inspection procedures, and other matters of interest to new and returning competitors.

Information Meeting

Thursday, March 31

6:00 pm - Bar opens

7:00 pm - Meeting starts

Main Club House

376 Purcells' Cove Road, Halifax

RSVPs are appreciated but all will be welcome.

See you on the water!!

RNSYS 2011 Marblehead to Halifax Ocean Race Organizing Committee



March 2011

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St. Patrick's
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Day Matinee

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Spring
Yachting
Meeting

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April 2011

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Spring Splash

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COM Meeting

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Good Friday

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Easter Sunday

May 2011

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8	9	10 COM Meeting	11	12	13	14 Ice Breaker Regatta
15	16	17	18 Spring Race 1	19	20	21 AYC Opening Regatta Tender Service
22 AYC Opening Regatta	23 Victoria Day AYC Opening Regatta	24	25 Spring Race 2	26	27	28
29	30	31				



Check this out! **QR Code for Smart Phones!**

Smart phone growth in Canada last year was 147% and is showing no signs of slowing (Globe & Mail). This means that there are hundreds if not thousands of new apps that you can download for every one of them.

Among these apps is a **QR Code reader** which you to scan the code by taking a picture of it with your i-Phone or Blackberry, and you will be taken directly to the Armdale Yacht Club web site! Give it a try with this code!

(Thanks to the Chebucto News for the information and inspiration)