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THE BURGEE

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ARMDALE YACHT CLUB'S NEWSLETTER



AYC Opening Regatta held during the long weekend in May produced some terrible weather but also some incredible racing. Bravo Zulu to all those that attended. Photos: Peter MacPherson.





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THE BURGEE EDITOR: Hello everyone, the weather is not the best, but that's Nova Scotia for you. The biggest event of the year was held over the long weekend in May and I must pass along a BRAVO ZULU to all of you that participated in the AYC Opener. The pictures provided by Peter MacPherson are great. I have inserted some of them on the cover page of the BURGEE as well as on the AYC WEBSITE... Welcome home to Mark MacNeil.. Wow! What an adventure. See the back page of this issue for the story (Article by Karen Smith) and see the AYC HOME page for the colour version. Well done Mark. You have accomplished what many of us only dream about. The cruise season is about to start, despite the weather. Hopefully everyone will take advantage of the great schedule that FCC Dave Hickey and his committee have come up with. Me.... I am still not in the water as I write this (June 13, 2005) but with any luck I will be soon.. See you on the water..

**Best regards, See you at the AYC.....
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Thanks to you, our wonderful staff,
for an Opener to remember.....

FLEET CAPTAIN CRUISE REPORT

Hi everyone ! Welcome to spring in Nova Scotia. After a wet and stormy start, things seem to be cheering up. We had no luck with having our flash-up cruise or the Ice Breaker raft-up. Not to worry, we have a lot still planned. The next event planned is the "Rogues Roost" trip on the Canada Day weekend. If the weather is not good, we'll move it to Wreck Cove, so lets wait and see. The last of the Spring Seminar series finished with a great information session from Halifax Port Authority ,Halifax Police Dept. & DND Provost Martial. It was very informative and fairly well attended. Speaking of the attendance, it seems that we have the largest group of informed and educated boaters in the area, so I guess that is a good thing. I look forward to the upcoming season and having safe, interesting and fun events cruising at AYC. Please note that the predicted Log race is re-scheduled to July 23/05, so I hope you can attend this event from the past of AYC. Come and show off your skills as a navigator/skipper and crew, as this should prove to be fun. See you on the water!

Respectfully: **Dave Hickey FCC**



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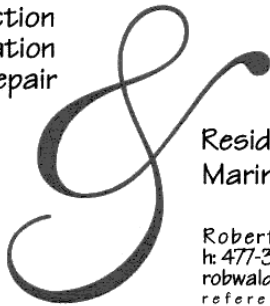
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YARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Happy Canada Day to all members of our Club, their families and friends.

Work is progressing despite the weather. Everything is about a month behind.

We are trying our best to catch up. Your co-operation is appreciated.

By the time this report is received we hope to have all water hook-ups completed.

On going maintenance on the marinas takes a lot of time. Progress sometimes goes unnoticed, however, the "thanks" passed on to the staff is very much appreciated.

The "No Parking" barriers on the Causeway are there for our safety. The unsightly weights keeping them in place when the wind blows, will be addressed later.

There will be a Fire Marshall inspection of the yard in the near future. Once again, I remind our members that we do not collect or dispose of propane bottles. There are signs posted "around the yard" which explain the items we do and do not take. Once again, your co-operation is truly appreciated.

Have a nice Summer.

See you on the water, in the Club or "Around The Yard".

Yours, Aye Lloyd Blagdon Yard Chairman



Mark MacNeil gets a helping hand tying up after completing a Trans-Atlantic crossing. See page 8.....

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TRANS-ATLANTIC SAILOR IS BACK HOME & SMILING!

BY KAREN SMITH

IN JULY OF 2004, AYC sailors Mark MacNeil and Bill Haliburton crossed the start-line off the Maritime Museum wharf in Halifax Harbour to participate in the Route Saint Pierre ocean race. They had spent weeks preparing Mark's S&S 34, *Terpsichore*, for a trans-Atlantic crossing, and the

race was as much as anything, a deadline to get off the dock. From Saint Pierre, leg-two took them to St. John's, Newfoundland to provision and then it was off to the Azores some 10-days sail away. From the Azores they went to the island of Madeira and finally to Las Palmas, Gran Canaria in the Canary Islands. Here they left the boat and flew back home to Canada in September.

January 2005, Mark went back solo to join *Terpsichore* in Las Palmas and formulate a plan to sail back by himself. After being unavoidably delayed for a couple of months longer than he had anticipated, Mark left Las Palmas on April 4th for Cabo Verde further south off the African Coast. His Norwegian friends left as well on board their boat, *Moritsu*, sailing usually within eye shot. They arrived in Sal after a 7-day sail – a good shake down for Mark to see how he and the boat would do single handed. All went well. After three weeks in the Cape Verde Islands, Mark left on May 2 to sail south and west to get to the Trade

Winds and then turn north west to Halifax. This journey took about 25 days, the last 6 of which were pretty nasty. A series of spring low pressure systems were coming off the continent and heading out to sea pretty much surrounding

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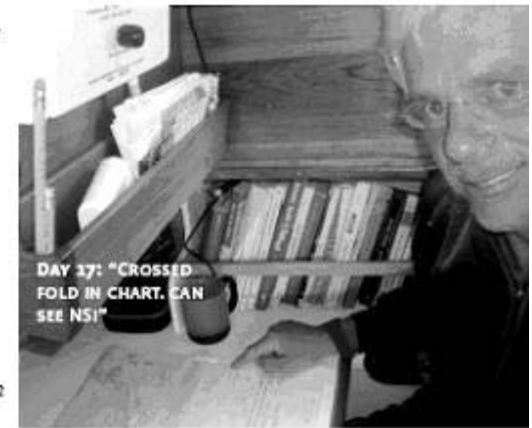
Mark, leaving him few options but hopefully choose the lesser of evils. Thankfully another club member and very experienced trans-Atlantic sailor, Ed Walentynowicz, was on call with up-to-date weather data that was sent to *Terpsichore* regularly through the day and night to try to avoid the worst of it. Having sailed in gale force conditions and

very unstable weather patterns for the last quarter of his trip with just cat-naps for days on end, Mark welcomed the sight of AYC.

There were many family and friends on both sides of the Atlantic who eagerly awaited his daily text message from sea, sent via Sat phone at 1200GMT and received via email. He'd send it to me and I would forward it to his dissemination list. His messages were written

in all caps and abbreviated for brevity, for example, on the 17th day: 32°21N 52°32W 125MI 895 TO GO 1025MB CLDY 6-8 ENE. IST COFFEE OF TRIP THIS AM. NORWEGIAN STYLE - BOIL 1/2 BAG GRNDS,

LET SIT 4EVER, DRINK 4 CUPS - CHEW SLUDGE. UMM. How wonderful, the technology, to be able to keep in touch. I know we all slept much better knowing he was still afloat everyday and making progress. A group of us went out with Lloyd Blagdon and Paul Samson to escort him in the Arm. I've never seen a smile so broad and so genuine. On the



DAY 17: "CROSSED FOLD IN CHART. CAN SEE NSI"

dock, he was interviewed by tv and newspapers, and said about the last day and *Terpsichore*, "Today's sail was spectacular. I was smiling the whole time. It's an old boat but it's a great sea boat and it looks after me." And while there were some anxious moments for his shore crew, I had every confidence in the boat, and in Mark's sailing ability and his guardian angels to keep him safe, so all would be well. And it is. Well done my friend. Quite an experience!



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