



Two of the many models on display at AYC during the Maritime Ship Modelers Guild show on March 5th. photo by Rob Beck

# The Burgee

ARM DALE YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

2006 - 03



AYC members in Miami, winter 2006, (l-r) Vince Purcell, Ellen Hayes, Diane Purcell, Eric Hayes and Deborah Beck. Plus Deborah and Diane encore. photos by Rob Beck

## HIGHLIGHTS

### EVENTS

- **Annual Yard Sale**  
April 8, 10:00am-1:00pm
- **Social Members Meeting**  
April 11 @ 7:00pm
- **AYC Club Crawl**  
April 22
- **Commodore's Tea & Morgan Show**  
April 23 @ 1:00pm
- **Power Flash-up Cruise Matinee**  
April 29, 4:00-7:00pm
- **AYC Opening Regatta Weekend Festivities**  
May 19 - 22

### SEMINARS

- **Boating Maintenance**  
Wednesday April 5th @ 7:00pm
- **Galley Talk**  
Wednesday April 19th @ 7:00pm

### RACING

- **Fleet Banquet**  
May 6 @ 6:00pm
- **AYC Ice Breaker**  
May 13 @ 1:00pm
- **AYC Opening Regatta**  
May 20 - 22

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FROM THE EDITOR

editor

CHRISTINE LINDSAY



Andrew and I bought our sailboat about two months before Simon was born. We sailed a lot that summer, but were worried. Once we had Simon would things become so difficult as to make sailing not worth the trouble? Many people at the club offered us encouragement and advice on how to sail with a small child. Simon's first trip happened when he was six weeks old. Many non-sailors gasp when we tell them this, but we didn't come close to beating Karl Baker's record; he had his twins sailing the day after they got out of the hospital.

Now we sail with Simon, and we have a great time. Our issue was that AYC seemed to have very few small children. Raising a child puts you in a unique position, a position that does not allow you to enjoy many late night dances or relaxing chats at the bar. We found ourselves feeling a bit isolated. Then one morning we went for brunch at the club and lo and behold, a couple with a small child and a sailboat came in. Now, this makes perfect sense. When are couples with small children most likely to use the dining room? They tend to go to bed early and they can't drink much; they're apt to want barrels of coffee and don't have a whole heck of a lot time before their little one starts getting restless. Hmmm, breakfast sounds ideal! Anyway, we struck up a conversation with

this couple, a conversation that included the joys of raising a family and we're now in the process of making cruising plans together for this summer. So if you have small children and are looking for a way to meet people, why not come out on the weekend

brunch? Not only will you be able to socialize with people at the same life stage, you'll be on the way to using up your catering obligation as well.

Thanks this month to Hannah, for sending photos of the St. Patrick's Day dance, and Munden Manuel, Rob Beck, Elizabeth

Whyte and Todd

Thompson for all the photos they sent. Thanks also to Barry Macleod, who has been sending me interesting pieces on the history of the club. I have certainly been

enjoying them and I do plan to get them into an upcoming Burgee so the rest of you can enjoy them as well!

Christine Lindsay,  
BurgEE Editor

### The Burgee

The Burgee is published 10 to 12 times annually and has a print run of 500 copies. It is distributed to all AYC members, to all yacht clubs in Nova Scotia, and to a few internationally.

### Submissions

Articles, photos and illustrations submitted will be considered for publication subject to space and topic. Articles may be edited for length and readability. Deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month.

### Advertising

If you wish to place an ad, please contact **Christine Lindsay** for rates and details at **431-8165** or email **aycburgee@hotmail.com**.



Oak Island Dry Cruise Hat Contest contestants, (top to bottom) **Penny McAulay**, **Paula Roberts**, (below), **Dee Hill** with a tropical bird on top! photos by Elizabeth Whyte

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# the commodore

KAREN SMITH

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE



Well Happy Spring! They tell me this was the warmest Canadian winter in recorded history. Hopefully spring will follow suit, and we'll have a banner April and May for the scraping, sanding and painting part of the boating experience. Things are starting to ramp up at the club as we approach boating season, with lots and lots of activities to get involved in, apart from boat prep.

Thanks, as always, to Burgee folders last month, Barrie MacLeod, Darrell Kennie, Danny MacDonald, and Ernie Cook who had the job finished by the time I got there to see if they needed anything. Thanks, too, to Leslie Samson who spent two hours preparing all the envelopes earlier in the day. Anyone is welcome to join in any time!

Here are a few things I would like to draw your attention to:

## Social Members' Meeting

The Committee of Management will hold a meeting for Social members of AYC on the evening of Tuesday, April 11th at 7:00pm. It will be a town-hall format where you will get the opportunity to ask questions, and let us know what is important to you, what you enjoy at the club and what you would like to see changed. Though Social members cannot attend business meetings, your opinions are important to us and will be taken into consideration when we make decisions. We hope lots of Social members will attend to voice their opinions. This meeting is **not** open to Senior, Intermediate and Life members, this is the opportunity for Social members to have their say. Other members will have their forum in May (see next paragraph).

## Senior & Associate Members Town-hall Meeting

We have scheduled two town-hall meetings between the Budget and the Annual General Meeting for Life, Senior and Intermediate members (who are eligible to attend business meetings) but these town-halls will also include Associate members. Associate members are quite often just as active at the club as their Senior counterparts, but their opinions are never heard directly.

Meetings are scheduled in May and August, so when we add these to the February Budget Meeting and the November AGM, there will be a public information forum at AYC every three months this year. This was mentioned

at the Budget meeting as another initiative to build better communication and encourage the sharing of ideas among **all** of AYC's members. I think this is very important, as often decisions are made for all by a very few and unless we ask, the decisions made may not be reflective of the general will of the membership. Anyway, under the heading, "if you build it, they will come", I hope bunches of you will attend these new meetings and let us know what you think. Dialogue is a wonderful thing.



## The Commodore's Tea and The Morgan Show

When I first came to Armdale in the mid 90's, I remember going to an afternoon Tea, with silver tea services at either end of a long table filled with sweets and finger sandwiches. It was quite lovely. This year we are reviving this tradition and combining it with "The Morgan Show" art exhibition on Sunday, April 23rd. This means you will have something to look at while you drink your tea.

The Morgan Show, named in honour of a very good friend to many of us, Lynn Morgan, who founded the show with me in

2000, invites all AYC artists (and I know there are many of you) to bring your paintings, sculptures, pottery, needle point, glass work, photography, drawings – what ever

medium you work in – and exhibit them for the afternoon. There is still time for your paint to dry, so see what you can come up with by the 23rd. Don't be shy! Everyone is welcome to exhibit and have a spot of tea during this gentele afternoon. Even if you're just taking a break from getting your boat seaworthy, pop up and see what's going on.

## Fleet Banquet

At the end of the season, a lot of sailors get out of their wet gear, put on something unsalt stained, and come to enjoy the November Awards Night/Commodore's Ball. So we thought it might be nice to revive a tradition that dates back at least to the early 70's, the Fleet Banquet. The fleet banquet is a pre-season gathering to get the different fleets together and raise a glass to a rousing fun season. It will be held the evening of Saturday May



(top) Naot and Yolanda Gorse who are visiting at AYC this winter (apologies if I spelled names incorrectly). Their homeport is Middelburg, Nederland. (below), long-time members Mary & Joe Graves with their beautiful grandson Emilio at AYC.  
photos by Hanna Gibson and Rob Beck



# Summer Hours

## BAR & LOUNGE

**Sunday – Tuesday**

12:00 noon – 8:00 PM

**Wednesday – Saturday**

12:00 noon – 10:00 PM

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## DINING ROOM

### LUNCH

**Monday – Friday**

11:30 AM – 2:30 PM

### DINNER

**Wednesday – Saturday**

5:30 PM – 9:30 PM

### BRUNCH

**Saturday & Sunday**

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Summer hours in effect

April 1st – October 16th

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## OFFICE

**Monday – Friday**

8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

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6th, the weekend before the Ice Breaker. Details of the evening will be firmed up and will be in the next Burgee, posted at the club and in the eNews, but for now, mark this Saturday on your calendar, talk to your fleet-mates and crews, (the fleets at AYC are Roue20, Soling and Handicap, ie. all other sailboats, and of course, the Cruising Fleet, those of you who can get out of the Arm without tacking or throwing up a spinnaker) and plan on attending as a group. It will be lovely to bring back one more AYC tradition, and a lovely way to kick off the boating season indeed!

### The Budget Meeting

The bills for 2006 dues that have gone out in the mail reflect the increases and assessment (house and yard) that were necessary to recover from last year's shortfall and begin to more closely reflect the actual cost of running the club. These measures were proposed by our committee and approved at the Budget Meeting. Please remit payment promptly, as this will go a long way in easing our financial strain. The committee is working hard to get us back in the black, and we are asking all members to please pay on time and keep a positive attitude as we move forward. The boats will be going in soon, and we have a great season to look forward to.

Also, to clarify, the catering guarantee will be billed by the caterers each quarter and, after 30 days, if individual members do not come in and spend their \$50, or apply

the balance to their catering account, AYC is obligated (by commitments made and the contract signed last year) to write a cheque to the caterers for the outstanding quarterly balance. AYC will then have to collect the appropriate amounts from each member. It will save a great deal of administration time if you simply pay the caterers directly within the first 30 days of each quarter (ie quarter #2 commitment should be met sometime during April but can be redeemed anytime). Betty Ann has further explained the assessment on page seven. Please feel free to contact Betty Ann or me for further clarification if necessary.

I am encouraging any member who is unclear or unhappy with any aspect of how the club is currently being run to drop me an email or a letter. I will personally reply to your concerns. I am open to discussing any issues members might have. Several have already come to me with pointed questions. Most of these members are pleased with our efforts to get the club back on track. Rest assured we are a solid team and we welcome your input. Everyone on the committee of management continues to do their best to realize our common goal – a vital and viable club. I believe we are on track to make AYC financially healthy. Now we need your help to make it healthy in spirit.

Karen Smith,  
AYC Commodore



## Crib

Crib games are held in the Upper Wardroom Friday nights from fall to spring starting at 8:00pm. Any member interested in joining should come by and introduce yourself to one of the players. It's a nice social evening, with lots of great prizes and fun – new players are very welcome!

As of March 24th, the top three scorers to date are:

**Pat Baker** – 230

**Warren Allen** – 225

**Al Soward** – 210

The scores are very, very close with only three weeks left. Stay tuned for who comes out on top!

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# the Morgan SHOW & Commodore's TEA

The Morgan Show (art exhibition) is back this year on Sunday afternoon April 23. The show will be mounted in conjunction with the Commodore's Tea. Do drop by for a spot of tea, a sweetie and have a look at art made by your fellow club-mates. We'd love it if you would exhibit your work, so get out your paints, your pottery wheels, your

glass blowing equipment, your needle point, your pencils and put together something creative.

Tea is from 1:00pm -3:00pm and the show will be on that afternoon only, from noon until 3:00pm

# sunday, april 23

APRIL 23RD: THE MORGAN SHOW AND THE COMMODORE'S TEA!



# entertainment chair

ENTERTAINMENT CHAIR REPORT

PAT NOONAN

That certain something is in the air. The water is beckoning. Soon we will all be scurrying through the yard doing those last minute details before launch. As we gear up for summer, our time at the club will increase and our long winter of discontent will be over!

What is happening at the club over the next few months? I'll put the list of events at the top, so you don't have to read all the way to the bottom to get to the important stuff. We are having a Yard Sale on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Let everyone know, especially pack rats! Here is a place to get rid of all your clutter and make a buck or two doing it, and while you're there, why not pick up some new stuff to replace the old? Remember, one man's clutter is another man's gold. Call me at 463-1376 to reserve a table. They're cheap; only \$10.

Join Munden for the Club Crawl on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Commodore for her Tea on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, and don't forget the Flash Up Cruise on the 29<sup>th</sup>. May's list includes the Fleet Banquet on the 6<sup>th</sup>, the Ice Breaker on the 13<sup>th</sup>, the Opening Regatta on the 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, and a Raft Up the following weekend.

As far as the Entertainment Committee goes, we are trying to balance fiscal responsibility with the need to have quality entertainment at the club. We will hold off booking the Rolling Stones this year. Perhaps next year, I bet



they'll still be around. If anyone knows of any bands that are good but won't break the bank, feel free to email me their contact information. We will be upgrading the sound system at the club with a view to perhaps hosting our own DJ nights; any spare speakers or sound equipment would be greatly appreciated. Any members who would like to DJ, let me know. We are not

shutting down the club, we still want quality entertainment, but it would be nice to save a dollar here and there. I think everyone can be happy with that concept. Any other ideas, as always, are more than welcome.

I have received several questions about upcoming events through phone calls and emails, and I don't mind answering these at all. Keep the questions coming until I learn to be clear and advertise better. Email me at [panoonan@noonananddeveloping.com](mailto:panoonan@noonananddeveloping.com) or call 463-1376. If you're not on the list for the email newsletter, sign up; It's sent out weekly and keeps you informed of the week's events.

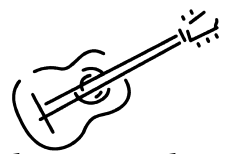
A reminder: we are here to enjoy the club, let's continue to make it a place that we want to spend time. See you on the water soon!

Pat Noonan,  
Entertainment Chair



At the Dry Cruise, (top) **Brian Roberts** and **Munden Manuel** doing the hula perhaps?, (middle) **Kenny Bell** survivin', (below) a dread-knotted **Brian Roberts**, **Pamela Lerch** in foreground and **Max Rastelli** and **Paula Roberts** in back.

photos by Elizabeth Whyte



## Friday Night Jam

### Friday Night Jams

Many Friday nights after supper at AYC, there is a jam session in the Commodore's Room by the fireplace. Members bring their guitars, banjos and voices. If you're lucky, you may find Miles, Kevin and others making some pretty fine music. It's really been hopping, so get there early if you want a good seat.

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# Social Member's Meeting

TUESDAY, APRIL 11TH

A town-hall forum to voice your opinions. Please come and share your ideas with the Committee of Management. Tuesday April 11 from 7:00pm - 8:30pm

# 7pm

# *fleet captain cruise*

MUNDEN MANUEL



Our cruising season received a great kick-off at the annual AYC Dry Cruise (February 24-26) which, according to those who participated, was a resounding success. Over forty people from AYC attended this active and fun weekend. Looking ahead on our schedule...

### Boating Seminars

Please sign up for any or all of the following **free** sessions at Armdale Yacht Club. The sign up sheet is on the "CruiseNews" bulletin board at the foot of the stairs, to your left, as you enter the club. **or** email Munden Manuel at aycnewsletter@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca

Wednesday, April 05 at 7:00pm at AYC: Transport Canada, Marine Safety's Office of Boating Safety, will conduct a one hour presentation entitled "Boat Maintenance: The Essentials".

Wednesday, April 19th at 7:00pm at AYC: "Galley Talk" a **free** information session on the lighter topic of food. It will cover meals made with only two pots/pans and which are easy to cook on a one or two burner stove. We'll have Chef Matt do a live demo!

### Up-Coming Cruise Events

AYC Club Crawl – Saturday, April 22nd. Departure time is 11:00 am from AYC. Cost to be announced (approx. \$12.00).

AYC Flash-Up Cruise – Saturday, April 29th. Departure time 1:00 pm from AYC docks. Matinee runs from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

The sign up sheet for both these events is on the "CruiseNews" bulletin board at the foot of the stairs, to your left, as you enter the club. **Please** sign up so we have an idea of how many intend to go and we can make the appropriate arrangements.

### Summer Cruising Events

You may wish to mark your calendar and do a little long range planning for a few

longer cruises we have planned.

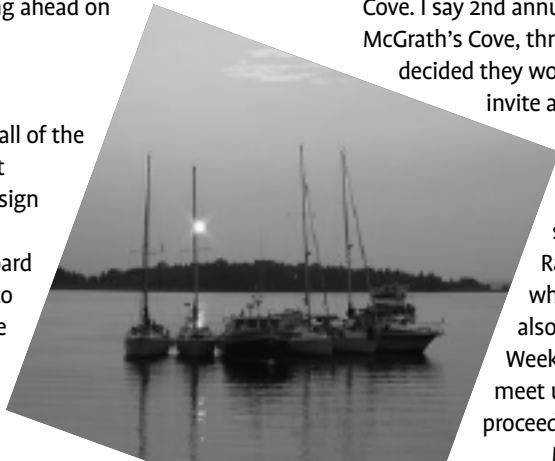
July 1st weekend: A cruise to the Roost. This is our first cruise out of the Halifax Harbour area.

July 29th weekend: The 2nd Annual Cruise to McGrath's Cove. I say 2nd annual because last year, after our cruise to McGrath's Cove, three senior members who live there decided they would like to put on an annual event and invite all members of AYC to participate. Last year there were 18 AYC boats.

Aug 12th to Aug 20th: The annual week-long cruise to the south shore. This year, the Ketch Harbour Race is on Saturday, August 12th. Racers who participate in this event, and who also plan to participate in the Chester Race Week, will head to the Roost where they will meet up with non-racing cruisers who proceeded directly to the Roost. On Sunday or Monday everyone will leave for their various destinations; anyone wishing to travel with the main "flotilla" are welcome. On Thursday afternoon/evening everyone will again meet up at an island (TBA) off Chester for a corn boil & some tunes.

More details will follow as the events approach. Happy thoughts... We'll see each other around the yard working on our boats before you know it!

Respectfully,  
Munden Manuel  
Fleet Captain Cruise



(top) 2005 South Shore Cruise raft-up – lovely! (middle) some more from the Oak Island Dry Cruise: Winners of the "Ship Wrecked in the Caribbean" contest, **Dave** and **Janice Hickey**. (bottom) 1st Annual McGrath's Cove Cruise last year, (very bottom) a newspaper clipping that speaks for itself!  
photos by Munden Manuel



Leslie Samson, Suzy Blagdon, Janice Cook, Laura and Dianne Manuel venture out to catch the big one.



## Darts

The AYC dart league meets each Thursday night at 7:00pm in the lower bar during the boating off-season (fall to spring). All AYC members are welcome to join the league. \$4.00 per person. Stay tuned for results as the year progresses!

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# vice commodore

BETTY ANN HALIBURTON



## Catering at AYC – Participation is the name of the game!

The general consensus, determined by a vote at last November's AGM and the resulting Catering Special Meeting in December, is that we do want to have food service at AYC. After all, for years, we have been regaling in many a yarn over a meal enjoyed in our dining room with undoubtedly one of the most striking views to be found in the city, perhaps the province. Our club house provides a comfortable setting to relax in after a day's work preparing our boats, a fine venue to enjoy brunch while watching an exciting start of an afternoon race, and simply a warm and inviting place to break bread with our fellow members. Our dining room has always been a large part of our club's offerings. How fortunate we are!

As another service the club offers, not unlike sailing lessons, launching of our boats, providing docking space, fuel, and so on, catering comes with a cost. We as members of AYC have chosen to support all of these services, both financially and with participation. Although not everyone uses all of the services of the club, we all, to some extent, support its various components. The nature of yacht clubs with its

seasonal fluctuations in participation brings challenges in supporting our services, and often it results in a small percentage of the membership supporting the masses (the old 80/20 rule is true in our little business as well).

The catering component is no different. But unlike most of our services whose costs are driven by outside sources (like NS Power, our oil provider, the telephone company), the costs of catering that have been handed down to the members by way of an assessment can be controlled by the membership. Yes, you can make a difference – simply by participation. With more members coming up the hill to tip a glass, throw a party, or simply

enjoy a quiet meal with fellow comrades, you are supporting the caterers. The more support from our members, the more the caterer can support itself, without an assessment. Your obligation to the catering component of the club is a relatively small piece of the equation. Enjoy a brunch once a month, dinner and a movie on Wednesday nights, darts on Thursday evenings, libations after a challenging Wednesday night race, and perhaps a dinner only a couple of times throughout the year and you have contributed more than your share of your commitment to catering at AYC. Come on up the hill and give it a try – you might just come back wanting more!

Betty Ann Haliburton  
Vice-Commodore

### HOW DOES THE CATERING ASSESSMENT WORK?

- \$50 per quarter, or \$200 for the year. The first quarter billing of \$50, with the option to pay the yearly assessment of \$200, went out in mid February. If you had spent \$50 or more at the bar or in the dining room by the time the first quarter bills went out, you would have received a note from Hannah saying you need not pay any more for the first quarter.
- On April 1st, the 2nd quarter billing will go out for \$50. This will be due on May 1st... and so on.
- If you have met the requirements of the assessment, ie. you have spent \$200 at the bar or dining room by March 31st, you will not receive another bill from the caterers for the balance of the year.
- 30 days after each quarterly billing, the caterers will invoice AYC for the balance outstanding, ie. \$50 times the number of members who have not spent, or have not paid, their quarterly assessment. These amounts become account receivables of Armdale Yacht Club at this point, and will be collected in the same manner as all outstanding AYC invoices (pursuant to section VI(2)(a) of the By-Laws, members whose bills are unpaid for 30 days from invoice will be suspended under the provision of this By-law).

### HOW DO I PAY?

- If you have not already done so, you will need to set up an account with Hannah. As you receive your bill from the caterers, simply drop by and set up an account with Hannah. In future, there will be no need to pull out your wallet at the end of the night. Your expenditures will be tracked in the computer system and applied towards your credit on your account.



## Welcome New Members

### SENIOR SAIL BOAT

**Trevor Flint** & Associate,

**Gisele Dupuis**

*Silver Charm*  
C&C33, MKII

**Mark Holden**

*Festivus*  
Beneteau 343

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### SENIOR POWER BOAT

**Robert Elford** & Associate,

**Lindsay Elford**

*Elysium*  
Carver 28 Aft Cabin

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### SOCIAL

**Maxine Young** & Associate,

**Janet Young**

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## Annual Yard Sale

SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH

One man's clutter is another  
one's gold. Tables only \$10.  
Call Pat Noonan at 463-1376  
to reserve a table.

# 10am-1pm

# sail training

UPCOMING SUMMER COURSES

## Youth Sailing Program

Armdale Yacht Club offers a Youth Sailing Program for youth ten years of age and older – CYA Basic Sailing Skills (White) and CYA Intermediate Sailing Skills (Bronze) which are run by CYA approved sailing instructors and assistants.

### White & Bronze Courses

Series 1: July 3–July 28

Series 2: July 31–August 25

#### Fees

White Sail \$632.50

Bronze Sail \$690.00

(tax included)

## Women's Learn to Sail/Boat

### Strictly Boating – Mostly Dryland

May 4 & 6

from 7:00–9:00 pm each evening

\$60.00 – AYC Members

\$75.00 – Non Members

This course is suitable for power boaters and sailors, beginners and those contemplating a more active role, with a review of basic concepts.

### Sailing – Mostly on the Water

June 19–23

from 6:00–9:30 pm each evening

\$95.00 – AYC Members

\$115.00 – Non Members

## For the Graduates

Thursday nights throughout the summer, the Women's Keelboat Racing Series runs from May 25 into September from 6:00–9:30 pm. No cost to members.

### Nova Scotia Women's Keelboat Regatta

July 15 – 16 at AYC

## Adult Learn to Sail

Tuesday and Thursdays evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

These programs follow the Canadian Yachting Association curriculum and are run on larger keel boats as well as smaller dinghies (depending on the interests of students). Our focus is on sailing “on the water”, as well as theory and on-land activities (knots, rigging, safety, etc.). Students are certified by the Canadian Yachting Associations standards at the completion of the program.



head instructor **Sean Kelly** with a boat load of keen students coming into the dock last summer.  
photo by Todd Thompson

For further details or to register, please contact the AYC Office at 477-4617 or [office@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca](mailto:office@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca)

# disabled sailing BOATING TV

## BOATING TV AND DISABLED SAILING

Check out the interview between The Boating Television Network and Betsy Alison.

### [www.btonline.tv/media/dis\\_sailing.htm](http://www.btonline.tv/media/dis_sailing.htm)

A great video on disabled sailing can be found on-line at the above address. It is Fantastic! This informative piece is 5 minutes long and includes an interview with USA disabled sailing team head coach, Betsy

Alison, who continues to spread the energy of disabled sailing to the world. Not only does this piece explain the sport well, but it encapsulates the idea in a great video which can be emailed to those who are interested in disabled sailing. Hope you take a moment to check it out

Cheers,  
Paul Tingley, SailAble Nova Scotia

# great video online

[WWW.BTONLINE.TV/MEDIA/DIS\\_SAILING.HTM](http://WWW.BTONLINE.TV/MEDIA/DIS_SAILING.HTM)



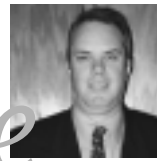
## Movie Night

Wednesday night Movie Night will be a weekly happening for the rest of the winter season. A special dish for the evening is put on (usually \$8-\$12) in keeping with the theme of the film. The food starts at 6:00pm and the movie at 7:00pm. The bar has happy hour prices, and the Upper Wardroom is set with the club chairs to relax in for a few hours. Come join your fellow members for a Wednesday evening film between boating seasons.

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# rear commodore

DAN PRIDE



The sailing seminars at AYC have been fairly well attended and have resulted in some spirited discussions with regards to the rules of sailing. A big thank you to Bill Haliburton and Ken Bell for their excellent work in putting these seminars together on behalf of the membership.

With the sailing season quickly approaching, we are looking for volunteers to help us with organizing and

running the various racing/sailing events the club will be hosting. If you are interested in donating some of your time to these events, please email either Blair King at [blairking@hfx.eastlink.ca](mailto:blairking@hfx.eastlink.ca) or Dan Pride at [dan.pride@hiaa.ca](mailto:dan.pride@hiaa.ca) for more information.

Dan Pride,  
Rear Commodore



## Season Events

### SAILING

#### Fleet Banquet

Saturday, May 6 @ 6:00pm  
kick off the season by coming to a lovely evening with your fellow fleet-mates!

#### AYC Ice Breaker

Saturday, May 13 @ 1:00pm

#### AYC Opening Regatta

Saturday, May 20 to Monday May 22 @ 1:00pm each day  
three afternoons of racing followed by three evenings of eating and merriment open to all AYC members and their guests!

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### BOATING TALKS

#### Boat Maintenance:

##### The Essentials

Wednesday, April 5  
@ 7:00pm  
with Transport Canada

##### Galley Talk

Wednesday, April 19  
@ 7:00pm

Chef Matt will be giving tips on cooking a simple but tasty meal on one and two burner stoves. We'll also be talking about what and how to provision for a cruise.

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At the AYC St. Patrick's Day dance (clockwise from top left) Terry Hill and Mike Lawrence. Vic Stevens and Bahram Mirzaagha. Bill Haliburton, Al Silverman and Vangie Sadler. Bob Shaw, Dee Hill and Paul O'Toole. Betty Ann Haliburton and JB.  
photo by Hannah Gibson



## Annual Club Crawl

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 22TH

The bus leaves the AYC club house and does a tour of the other metro yacht clubs, ending up back at AYC later in the afternoon.

# 11:00am and into the afternoon

# memorial plaque for the late Capt. John Samson

To follow is a letter concerning an honour for  
AYC Life member, the late Capt. John Samson.  
If you knew John, who was a longtime member and  
very good friend to Armdale Yacht Club, and would  
like to contribute to this memorial, please reply to  
the address at the end of the following letter by April  
30st at latest.

thanks!  
Karen Smith

## To Armdale Yacht Club,

On February 23, 2006 at a meeting of the Canadian  
Merchant Navy Veterans Association, (C.M.N.V.A)  
H.R.M. branch, it was approved that we would  
initiate and manage a funding campaign to purchase  
a plaque in memory of the late Capt. E. John  
Samson, a former principal of the Nova Scotia  
Nautical Institute, for display at the Port Hawkesbury  
school.

Capt. Samson was involved in the marine industry  
for most of his life. In his youth, he worked in the  
Newfoundland and Labrador fishery. During World  
War II, he served in the British Merchant Navy. He  
was an officer on Imperial Oil tankers in the post war  
period. For nearly three decades, he was principal or  
instructor of the Nova Scotia Nautical Institute where  
he was responsible for developing the school from  
two instructors to a staff of over 40 people. It was  
recognized as one of the leading Nautical Schools in  
Canada. He was very active in many community  
associations as an officer or chair person.

On behalf of the C.M.N.V.A funding committee,  
we are requesting his many friends, colleagues,  
students or shipmates to make a donation by cheque  
payable to the "Capt. John Samson Memorial Fund"  
and mail it to Mr. James Burke, C.M.N.V.A  
Director Nova Scotia and PEI, 21 Limardo Drive,  
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia B3A 3X2 by April 30,  
2006. Receipts will be issued for donations of  
\$10.00 or more. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,  
Capt. Earle Wagner  
Chairman, Memorial Fund

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deadline  
April 30th

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# calendar of events

APRIL / MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>APRIL</b>	3 Summer Hours Begin!	4	5 Movie Night 7pm Boating Seminar <b>Boat Maintenance</b> 7:00pm with Transport Canada	6 Darts 7:00pm	7 Crib 8:00pm	8 <b>Annual Yard Sale</b> 10:00am-1:00pm
9	10 Committee of Management (COM) Meeting 6:30pm	11 <b>Social Members' Meeting</b> 7:00pm	12 Movie Night 7:00pm	13 Darts 7:00pm	14 Good Friday (club closed)	15
16 Easter Sunday	17	18	19 Movie Night 7pm <b>Galley Talk - cooking/provisioning</b> 7:00pm	20 Darts 7:00pm	21 Crib 8:00pm	22 <b>AYC Club Crawl</b> Bus leaves AYC at 11:00am
23 <b>Commodore's Tea &amp; Morgan Show</b> 1:00pm	24	25	26 Movie Night 7:00pm	27 Darts 7:00pm	28 Crib Banquet 6:00pm	29 <b>Power Flash Up Cruise Matinee</b> 4:00-7:00pm
30	<b>MAY</b>	2	3 Movie Night 7:00pm	4 Darts 7:00pm	5	6 <b>Fleet Banquet</b> 6:00pm
7	8	9	10 Movie Night 7:00pm	11 Darts 7:00pm	12	13 <b>AYC Ice Breaker</b> 1:00pm
14 Mother's Day	15	16	17 Movie Night 7:00pm	18 Darts 7:00pm	19 <b>Lobster Dinner &amp; Dance</b> 5:30pm	20 <b>AYC Opening Regatta Day 1</b> 1:00pm <b>Steak Dinner &amp; Dance</b> 5:00pm