



Aerial shot of Melville Island – what a lovely, sheltered place to keep your boat!
photo by Karen Smith

The Burgee

ARM DALE YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER 2006-02



(l-r) New Year's Eve dinner and dancing at AYC, Randy Wetmore and Jean Reid, Terry & Dee Hill and Rob & Deborah Beck.



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HIGHLIGHTS

- SEMINARS
- Sail Racing Seminars**
Saturdays in March
(March 4, 11, 18, 25)
@ 1:30pm
- Spring Boating Seminars**
Wednesdays in April
(April 5, 12, 19)
@ 7:00pm
- EVENTS
- Model Builder's Show**
March 5, 1:30-4:30pm
- St Patrick's Day Dance**
March 17 @ 9:00pm
- Yard Sale**
April 8, 10:00am-1:00pm

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FROM THE EDITOR

editor
CHRISTINE LINDSAY



Did anyone else feel ripped off this winter? All those beautiful days we could have been sailing, some of them were nicer than days we had last May. Very, Very Unfair! On the bright side, important key dates have slipped by – the Cruising/Racing Meeting, the Boat Show and the Dry Cruise – sure signs that spring is once again just around the corner. Well, almost. As the days get longer so does the list of things to do on our boat, *Eagh Marrey*.

If you too are feeling overwhelmed, don't forget that the only thing worse than having a list of things to do, is not having a list of things to do!

We hope you're enjoying the new look and feel of *The Burgee*. We want this to be a useful guide to your boating season which means your ideas, experiences, suggestions, stories and photos are always welcome. Thanks to **Shiela English** and **Randy Wetmore** for taking the time to send me their New Year's Eve photos for inclusion in this edition of *The Burgee*, as well as **Dan Pride** for photos of the January Matinee. Is there anyone out there who goes to all or most events and would be willing to be our "official" photographer? If so, please email me at aycburgee@hotmail.com.

I have discovered that finding the time to edit the newsletter is more difficult than I thought. I

am at home with an 18 month old who rarely naps, and who is tearing my office apart as I write this very sentence. Is there anyone out there who would like to write articles for *The Burgee*? There are lots of ideas out there but I need someone who has time to get them down on paper. If anyone is interested, please email me.

Speaking of articles, we'd like to run a brief column of "Rookie Mistakes". If you feel brave enough to tell us about that misadventure you once had, please email Andrew at squidracer@hotmail.com. From

the serious to the light-

hearted, all stories are welcome.

There is a wealth of knowledge and experience at AYC, let's keep it circulating!

Don't forget to check the calendar for upcoming events.

Sometimes it's easy to miss those seminars and social events. In fact, why

not tear it off and stick it on your fridge?

Christine Lindsay,
Burgee Editor



New Year's Eve celebrations,
(top) **Bill English** and **Dave Hickey**,
(middle) **Susie Blagdon** and **Shiela English**,
(below), club manager **Linda** and **Will McEwen**.

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The Burgee

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the commodore

KAREN SMITH

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE



While I write this, we are in the throws of putting the final touches on the proposed budget for 2006. It's been an interesting couple of months. There have been LOTS of meetings and emails and phone calls and chats in the yard since we took our posts in January and I am hoping that things will calm down a little post-budget, or at least that the focus will shift somewhat in the coming months (hopefully to boating!). For those of you who have not served on the board before, it can be exhausting, so I hope you will be kind when you see one of us in your travels. Rest assured we are doing our best for the club and for us all.



During the Boat Show, the Nova Scotia Yachting Association hosted a meeting of commodores for all member clubs in Nova Scotia. Quite a few attended or sent someone in their stead. We were updated on a few provincial and offshore sailing events including the Route Saint Pierre race in July, the Convoy Cup out of Dartmouth, Metro Regatta, this year out of Bedford, and Pugwash Harbour Fest, to name a few. Afterwards, we had a bit of a round-table discussion about our clubs and it seems that often the challenges of a private yacht club are pretty universal. We now all have contact numbers for each other so we will be able to share solutions as we find them, so no one is reinventing the wheel. It will be a nice resource and good to get a bit of a provincial perspective.



To try and save a few pennies here and there, and also have some quality bonding time over conversation and paper cuts, we decide to go back to *The Burgee* folding parties. All are welcome to attend. If you want to be informed of when it will happen each month, let us know, and we will email you or call you. Once we get into the groove of putting out *The Burgee*, it will likely be the last Friday of each month – around the happy hour at the club. A big “thank you” to Burgee folders in January, **Barrie MacLeod, Rosalyn MacLeod, Darrell Kennie, Paul Barr, Don Robinson, Karl Baker, Blair King, Christine Lindsay, Betty Ann Haliburton** and **Jack Cameron** (apologies if I missed anyone). They folded it one Saturday afternoon, when the club was shut down, mid-January, when there

was no beer/wine available – very brave and dedicated souls indeed!

I'm pleased to report that social member **Sandi Chase-Caron** and her husband, **Dan Caron** have volunteered to take on the web site. Sandi will maintain the site with updates of new information and Dan will, over the next couple of months, be giving the site a bit of a face lift. Stay tuned in the spring for a new look for our site. Thanks to you both and welcome aboard!

Things should be getting into full swing around AYC pretty soon with spring officially only about three weeks away. Due to a very busy April/May schedule at the club, the Yard Sale is a couple of weeks earlier this year. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and allow you some nice days to crawl under your cover and pull out some odds and ends that may become someone else's new treasure. Check out the schedule on page 8 and write a few things into your calendar so you don't miss anything. Boats will be moving again soon. I can see the light at the end of the tunnel!

Karen Smith,
AYC Commodore

New Year's Eve at Armdale, (top)
Penny & Grant Kennedy, (below),
yard chair Don & Karen Webster.

the Morgan SHOW

JUST A HEADS UP that the Morgan Show (art exhibition) will be back this year on April 23, so get out your paints, your pottery wheels, your glass blowing equipment, your needle point, your pencils and put together something creative. More details in next Burgee!

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APRIL 23RD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMODORE'S TEA!



Winter Hours

BAR & LOUNGE

Monday & Tuesday

Closed

Wednesday – Saturday

12:00 noon – 10:00 PM

Sunday

12:00 noon – 5:00 PM

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DINING ROOM

Monday & Tuesday

Closed

LUNCH

Wednesday – Friday

12:00 AM – 2:00 PM

DINNER

Wednesday – Saturday

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

BRUNCH

Saturday & Sunday

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Winter hours in effect until March 31st

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OFFICE

Monday – Friday

8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

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entertainment chair

ENTERTAINMENT CHAIR REPORT

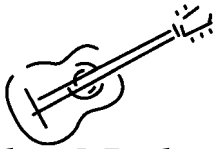
PAT NOONAN



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) inkeeping with the theme of the film. The food starts at 6pm and the movie at 7pm. 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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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.

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Well, March is here and thoughts are turning to boat maintenance, repair, and getting on the water. We have had a great time with events so far this winter, and are looking forward to an even better spring and summer! Thanks to **Norman Raine** for his help in coordinating the Maritime Modelers Show at the club. I am sure everybody will enjoy the models and modelers.

We were lucky to have great music at the matinee and the Valentines Dance. Another thanks to **Lisa Noonan** for allowing herself to be conscripted onto the entertainment committee and manning the door at both events, at the expense of dancing time. I am sure we will be asking both Lukey's Boat and The Luv Handles back in the future. The St Patrick's Day Dance will be on Friday, March 17th. Hope to see every one there. Cead Mile Failt!

We will be having a Yard Sale this year on Saturday, April 8th. We are thinking of having a club table for those who don't have enough stuff, or enough time to make up a table themselves. Any donations are gladly accepted. Anyone who would like a table or has items to donate,

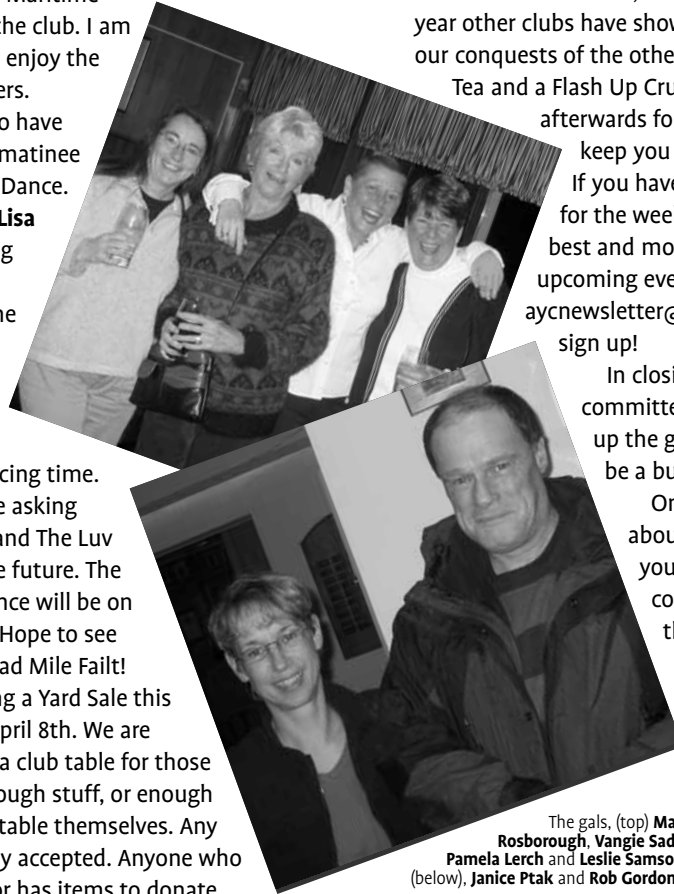
call or email me and we will arrange a drop off at the club before the event. Please feel free to pass along my contact info to any businesses you know of that would like to get in on the action.

April is the month where things start to pick up. We have the Yard Sale, seminars, the Club Crawl (this year other clubs have shown interest in joining us in our conquests of the other clubs), The Commodore's Tea and a Flash Up Cruise that will return to the club afterwards for a matinee. We will try to keep you posted of any and all events. If you haven't done so already, sign up for the weekly email newsletter; it is the best and most up to date source of upcoming events. Dash off an email to aycnewsletter@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca to sign up!

In closing, a thanks to all on my committee for their help and ideas, keep up the good work. I know it's going to be a busy and fun year.

Once again, if you have any ideas about events you would like to see, you are more than welcome to contact me, or become part of the Entertainment Committee. See you at the club.

Pat Noonan,
Entertainment Chair



The gals, (top) Maxine Rosborough, Vangie Sadler, Pamela Lerch and Leslie Samson. (below), Janice Ptak and Rob Gordon.

model builders show

by the MARITIME SHIP MODELERS GUILD

**SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2006
(1:30PM TO 4:30PM)**

Come on down and check out the models, in various stages of progress, and talk to the modelers. Many of the modelers build museum quality pieces and are happy to share their knowledge and hobby with you.

Thanks to the *Maritime Ship Modelers Guild* for agreeing to show their wares, explain how ship models are built, and describe new projects they are involved in. This will be a very informative and entertaining time for all ages!

Sunday, March 5

rear commodore

DAN PRIDE



Good day. As you know we held our Annual Sailing/Cruising meeting on Saturday February 11, 2006. We discussed a number of items around this year's sailing schedule and related issues. Unfortunately, Munden was unable to attend due to illness, so we have scheduled a Cruising meeting for Sunday March 12, at 1:30pm. We will discuss the cruising events for the coming season. Both Power and Sailing fleets are urged to attend.

The Sailing meeting determined that we would implement area handicaps for the women's racing on Thursday nights in order to level the handicaps. They will be reviewed after sufficient data has been collected.

All racers should refer to the NSYA website to ensure their declarations are as they should be (only one correction is allowed throughout the sailing season).

We will be adding something new to Wednesday night racing this season. In addition to handing out prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, we will be giving out a fourth prize. Everyone

who comes out to race on a Wednesday night will be entered in a participation draw for this prize.

Since the Ketch Harbour Race is to be tied into the cruise to

Rogues Roost, the race will have an earlier start. This time will be announced in the Notice of Race.

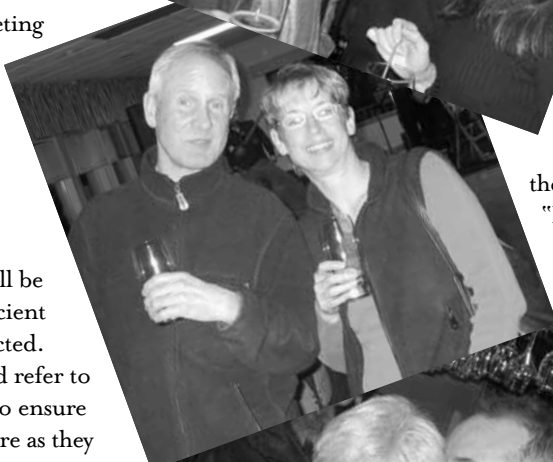
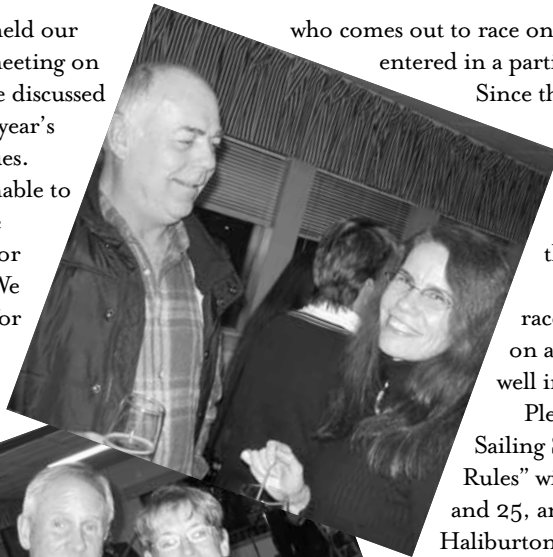
There will only be one Solo race this year. It will take place on a Sunday, and be announced well in advance.

Please don't forget to attend the Sailing Seminars in March: "Racing Rules" with Ken Bell on March 11, 18, and 25, and "Sail Trim" with Bill Haliburton on March 4.

In April, Munden will be presenting the following three seminars: On April 5 "Marine Safety and Boat Maintenance: the Essentials" put on by Transport Canada. The two others will be on April 12 and 19. One is put on by The Halifax Port Authority/ Harbour Police/ Pilotage Authority and the other is entitled "Galley Talk: Single Burner Cooking". We will let you know which one is on which Wednesday as soon as they are confirmed.

The Annual AYC Club Crawl is on April 22. Departure from Armdale will be at 11:30am. Sign up sheets will be posted on the Cruise bulletin board.

Dan Pride,
Rear Commodore



Having a drink with friends at the January Matinee, (top) Karl Baker and Allison Cameron, (middle) Don Robinson and Janice Ptak, (below), Vangie Sadler and Dan Pride with a wee smooch.



SAIL SEMINARS

Saturday, March 4 @ 1:30pm

Sail Trim

with Bill Haliburton

Saturday, March 11 @ 1:30pm

Sailing Race Rules the basics

with Kenny Bell

Saturday, March 18 @ 1:30pm

Sailing Race Rules beyond the basics

with Kenny Bell

Saturday, March 25 @ 1:30pm

Sailing Race Rules further beyond the basics

with Kenny Bell

Informative for all levels of racer and good as a tune up before the racing season starts. All members and crews are welcome.

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BOATING SEMINARS

Wednesday, April 5 @ 7pm

Boat Maintenance: The Essentials

with Transport Canada

Wednesday, April 12 @ 7pm

Topic TBA

with Halifax Port Authority/ Harbour Police/ Pilotage Authority

Wednesday, April 12 @ 7pm

Galley Talk: Single Burner Cooking

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Sunday, March 12 annual cruising MEETING

COME CHECK OUT WHAT'S COMING UP at Armdale for the 2006 cruising season. There is an effort afoot to get both cruising and sailing fleets together for events – all boaters (sail and cruise) are welcome to attend.



Darts

The AYC dart league meets each Thursday night at 7 pm 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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Crib

Crib games are held in the Upper Wardroom Friday nights from fall to spring starting at 8 pm. 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!

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HOUSE CHAIRS REPORT

house chair

NIELS NIELSEN



Terry and his volunteers left the House in great shape for 2005, so there were limited improvements during the first two weeks of January. There has been enough work to keep several people busy however, including **Jack Cameron** and **Norm Raine**. Jack has been busy painting while Norm has continued his cleaning and repairing of the trophies. As a result, the club looks great and our trophies are improving. My thanks go out to Jack and Norm as well as the other volunteers who have given their time.

(top) New Year's Eve celebrations **Susie** and **Lloyd Blagdon**, (middle) at the January Matinee, **JB** chatting with **Lisa Noonan** (below) Fleet Captain **Sail**, **Blair King**, **Janice Ptak** and **Andrea King**.



Despite our tight financial situation this year, the emphasis for the club will be safety, structure maintenance, and renewal. Plans are in place to replace some windows and to get the flagpole up in improved condition. We will also be turning our attention to improving our club's furniture.

We need your help. We are looking for the donation of a ship's wheel for a special project. If you have one you would like to donate, and want

to know what it will be used for, please call me. See you at the Club!

Niels Nielsen,
House Chair

St Patrick's Day Dance

FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH

ST. PADDY'S DAY FALLS ON A FRIDAY NIGHT this year, so come out for a dance, with musical entertainment, Bruce Wheaton. Dinner will be on from 6pm – 9pm so come make a night of it. There's sure to be a pitcher or two of green beer in the offing! Dance starts at 9 pm.

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calendar of events

FEBRUARY / MARCH / APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	MARCH	2	3	4
	Closed: Winter Hours Club closed Mondays & Tuesdays	Budget Meeting 7:00pm	Movie Night 7:00pm	Darts 7:00pm	Crib 8:00pm	Sailing Seminar Sail Trim 1:30pm with Bill Haliburton
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Model Builder's Show 1:30-4:30pm	Closed: Winter Hours Club closed Mondays & Tuesdays		Movie Night 7:00pm	Darts 7:00pm	Crib 8:00pm	Sailing Seminar Race Rules (1) 1:30pm with Ken Bell
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Annual Cruising Meeting 1:30pm	Closed: Winter Hours Club closed Mondays & Tuesdays		Movie Night 7:00pm	Darts 7:00pm	St Patrick's Day Dance 9:00pm Bruce Wheaton	Sailing Seminar Race Rules (2) 1:30pm with Ken Bell
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Closed: Winter Hours Club closed Mondays & Tuesdays		Movie Night 7:00pm	Darts 7:00pm	Crib 8:00pm	Sailing Seminar Race Rules (3) 1:30pm with Ken Bell
26	27	28	29	30	31	APRIL
	Closed: Winter Hours Club closed Mondays & Tuesdays		Movie Night 7:00pm	Darts 7:00pm	Crib 8:00pm	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Summer Hours Begin!		Movie Night 7pm Boating Seminar Boat Maintenance 7:00pm with Transport Canada	Darts 7:00pm	Crib 8:00pm	Annual Yard Sale 10:00am-1:00pm
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Committee of Management (COM) Meeting 6:30pm		Movie Night 7pm Boating Seminar (Topic TBA) 7:00pm	Darts 7:00pm	Good Friday (club closed)	