



Day-4 of Chester Race Week where we pull out all the stops. No one has more fun than us! The viking angels: **Jan Himmelman, Ginny Hattin, Mandy Chapman, D'Arcy Poultney, Nancy Morrison and Liz Whyte.** photo by Karen Smith

# The Burgee

ARM DALE YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER 2006 - 09



(l-r) **Janice Cook** and **Susie Blagdon** get a card during the annual Poker Run. **Francis Tibbets**, Club Champion for 2006 with his crew **Karen Smith, Andrew Tibbets, Jason Penny, Peggy Dingle, Paul Bezanon, Francis and Jim Penny** aboard *Chapter Five*. photos by Munden Manuel and Karen Smith

HIGHLIGHTS

- EVENTS**
- Nova Scotia Yachting Association AGM**  
November 18 @ AYC
  - Convoy Cup Sail Past Participation Presentation**  
November 24th @ 6:30pm
  - Commodore's Ball and Awards Night**  
November 25th @ 6pm -
  - Children's Christmas Party**  
December 10, 2pm-5pm
  - New Year's Eve Party**  
December 31, 9pm-1am
  - New Year's Day Levee**  
January 1, 1pm-3pm

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FROM THE EDITOR

editor  
CHRISTINE LINDSAY



"Seems we just get started and before we know it comes the time we have to say so long." I expect most of you will remember these lines from the end of the *Carol Burnett Show*. They certainly express how I feel, looking back on the past year of editing the *Burgee*. How can it be a year already. Twelve months. Nine issues.

I have enjoyed my time as *Burgee* editor, although our commodore, Karen Smith has done most of the work. *Burgee* editor entailed more than I knew when I agreed to take it on last December, and Simon was less than a year and a half (now that seems like a long time ago!) so Karen agreed to step in and do all of it except the editing and proofreading piece. She even went around and took photos when we were lacking! That's the reason I decided not to put my name forward as *Burgee* editor this year; I don't have the time to do the work, nor do I have the skills needed, to make it the quality production it was this year.

I hope someone will come forward though, or perhaps a few people who can divide the tasks up, and continue the *Burgee* a newsletter AYC can be proud of.

Thanks to everyone for their kind comments to me this year, for everyone who sent in photos and snippets, and for everyone who read the *Burgee*. We'll see you around the club this winter or on the water next summer. "I'm so glad we had this time together, just to have a laugh and sail sometimes..."

Christine Lindsay,  
*Burgee* Editor

(top to bottom): An AYC afternoon jam: **Ralph** and **Sharon King** with **Janet McInnis** and **Roy Levin** in the background. They appear to have spotted the photographer! **Rob Gordon, JB, Mark MacNeil** and **Dan Pride** enjoying a beverage. **Glen Fawcett** (or is it **John**. I can never tell!) with **Rob Beck**.  
photos by Karen Smith



Reminder

Armdale Yacht Club is a private club and if you bring guests, you **must** sign them in. If this is not done, we run the risk of losing our liquor license.

Please sign in your guests and if they are coming quite often, please encourage them to take out a social membership. Applications can be gotten from the Office or the Caterers – it's the best value for the buck I can think of in Halifax. You can't beat the atmosphere and the view at AYC, now can you!

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# the commodore

KAREN SMITH

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE



Welcome to the last Burgee for 2006, and as Roy Levin pointed out to me, a collector's edition as it is the first one in memory that is 16 pages.

Thank you to Burgee folders for October: Carolyn Wilson, Janice Ptak, Darrell Kenzie, Paul Barr, Barrie MacLeod and Roy Levin. Always a small but happy band of folders! And thank you to Phyllis for preparing the labels and envelopes.

The Burgee was almost put to bed but it was so close to the AGM I thought I'd wait a day and report on it. The meeting was a brief two hours (we are projecting to end the year very close to or on budget) ending with the bestowment of Life Membership on Gerry Hayman who has been a member of Armdale Yacht Club since 1969 and still enjoys it. Barrie gave a lovely tribute to Gerry who bought a round for the house after the meeting concluded. Thanks Gerry and congratulations.

The Committee of Management for 2007 was elected and remains largely the same — Commodore: Karen Smith,

Vice-Commodore: Betty Ann Haliburton, Rear-Commodore: Dan Pride, Fleet Captain Sail: Elizabeth Whyte, Treasurer: Leslie Samson, Secretary: Eric Theriault and Yard Chair: Don Webster. Leaving us on the

Board this year are Randy Stevens, Pat Noonan, Barrie MacLeod, Munden Manuel and Christine Lindsay. Thank you for all your work this year. It's been very appreciated by us all! New on the Board this year are Greg Haverstock:

Director of Sail Training, Miles Gallager: Entertainment Chair, Don Longard: House Chair and Sebastien Latulippe: Fleet Captain Cruise.

Burgee Editor is currently vacant for 2007.

The current membership role for 2006 is as follows Senior: 262, Social: 90, Intermediate: 1, Junior: 0, Life: 24,

Outport: 14, for a total of 391 for 2006. We are down 65 members overall from the same time last year. While we have fewer senior members, winter storage is at capacity as vessels are larger and some members have two boats. We will be looking seriously into how Armdale can expand winter storage on a long term basis as right now we cannot accept any more Senior members with boats until we have a place to put them in winter. Permanent marinas are all spoken for but we can expand into our mooring field to accommodate more boats in Summer. Members are our primary revenue stream so this will be an immediate concern for 2007 planning. The long-range

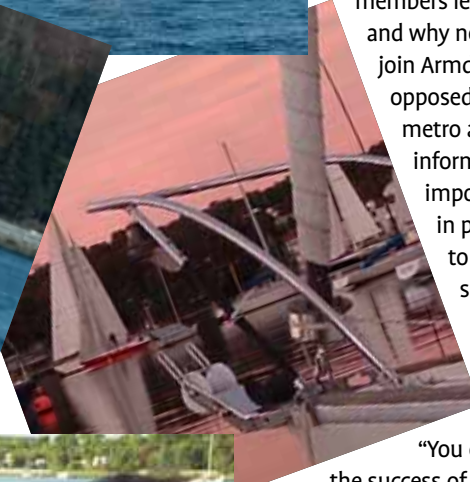
planning committee will hopefully be reactivated and tasked to help us with a Strategic Plan for AYC to take us all through the coming years as more and more maintenance and capital projects become necessary.

As well this year, and hopefully from now on, we will be monitoring very closely why current

members leave the club and why new members join Armdale as opposed to another metro area club. This information is very important to aid in planning and to measure the success of policies in place. Under the heading,

"You can't assess the success of something that has not been measured", we will do our best to compile hard numbers beyond anecdotal information to assess satisfaction with the catering, the office, the yard and the club services in general.

Last year was the first year that a payment plan was implemented at AYC and while it was welcomed by many members, there were a few administrative problems with it. The total amount, divided by 12 equal payments, was calculated based on old rates and after the budget meeting had to be increased to reflect new dues and fees. This created some administrative difficulties as



(top to bottom). The Turkey Bowl at RNSYS Karen Smith with Sue Young and Wayne Blackler aboard *Twillick*. A lovely October day on the water. Sunset at AYC during one of the last Wednesday night races of the season. Very beautiful! Peggy Dingle and Karen Smith aboard *Chapter Five* after the club Championships. photos by Barrie MacLeod and Karen Smith



## Welcome New Members

SENIOR (SAIL)

**Greg Trask** and associate **Lesley Southwick-Trask**

*Lhaeda*  
Beneteau 27

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SENIOR (POWER)

**Rudy Simmons**

*Senorita*  
Fibreglass 52'

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SOCIAL

**Tom Reyno** and associate **Kathleen Reyno**

**Bruce Davidson** and associate **Joan Davidson**

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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 and make some pretty fine music.

## John Theodore

November 17

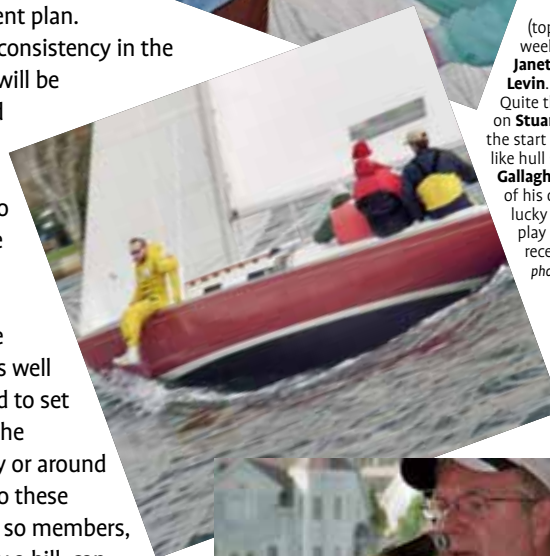
*Late Friday afternoon piano music and vocals. John is often accompanied by David Sadler on stand-up bass: 4pm-7pm*

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members had to be notified to change their credit card amounts, supply new post dated cheques or pay the difference in a lump sum. Also is was intended that your membership dues be paid up-front as we need to get that money in the bank as early as possible in the new year as lumber has to be purchased for our yard staff to build new marinas over the winter, and execute other capitol expenditures. This year we want to be clear that the following policy has been adopted: Payment Plan Policy: As early in January as is possible, full membership dues will be invoiced based on the previous year's rate. Membership dues must be paid in full, 30 days following invoice, in order to participate in the payment plan. The sum total of regular fees, dues increase and assessments (if any) will be confirmed at the Budget Meeting and if you choose to go on the payment plan, will be amortized over the 10 month period from March 1 through December 31. Additional fees (extra haul-outs, etc...) will be billed and paid as a separate invoice and will not be added to the payment plan.

To provide some consistency in the office, office hours will be 9:00AM-12noon and 1:00PM-4:00PM, which is to say you can be pretty sure to find Christine in the office during those times. There is club business to be done outside the office as well but we have decided to set aside first thing in the morning, end of day or around the lunch hour to do these errands (if required) so members, if you drop by to pay a bill, can count on more consistent presence in the office. Christine will of course, have to pop down to the yard and upstairs on occasion, but she won't be far. We hope this will serve the membership better. Christine has been in the office now for about 6 weeks, is quickly learning the ropes and is having a pretty good time doing so. She mentioned that members have been very welcoming, so we thank you for that. Good job!

And on the topic of "good job" I wanted to take this opportunity to thank our yard staff, Wade Henneberry, Ed Burke, Jim Harris, Stephen Killam and Eric Brymer who always do such a wonderful job taking care of our boats and the infrastructure in the yard. Members at the last AGM expressly asked me to thank you guys specifically



and I am often stopped in the yard by members commenting as to how friendly and helpful you are, so from all of us, "Thank-you".

We notice and appreciate your care and attention! Thanks guys!!

For senior members, the request for a Certificate of Insurance to be supplied to the office, was initiated by our insurance agent and some insurers are more willing than other to supply this to their customers, though we were assured it is a standard practice. We simply need to do due diligence to ensure that the club is protected to the fullest extent possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Christine at the office.

Coming up Friday November 24th at 6:30PM is a presentation by the Director of the Convoy Cup Foundation, Steinar Engeset, to participants in the Sail Past (see details in margin on page 5).

(top to bottom): At an AYC weekend afternoon jam: **Janet MacInnis** and **Roy Levin, JB,** and **David Sadler.** Quite the bow and stern wave on **Stuart MacLean's Shaman** at the start of the Die Hard; looks like hull speed to me! **Miles Gallagher** jamming with some of his old band. We've been lucky enough to have them play at the club a few times recently. Quite a treat!  
photos by Karen Smith

My thank yous for this year: All of the Committee of Management and our great staff for their tireless efforts, Dan Caron and Sandi Chase-Caron for designing and maintaining the new website. Munden Manuel for compiling the weekly

eNews. Hiring Recommendation Committee members, Calum Ewing, D'Arcy Poultney, Blair King and Greg Haverstock. Catering Committee members, Liz Whyte, Carl

Goodwin, Donna Harding and Tony Cook. Nominating Committee members, Dennis Harding, Tom Harper, Ken Bell, Stuart MacLean, Greg Haverstock and Norman Raine. Volunteers (too many to mention) – the heart and soul of this club, sponsors for events, and last but by no means least, members for your participation, kind words and constructive criticism.

As we move forward I hope we will all respect one another and keep a good measure of

respect for traditions and history of the club. Remember why we joined this club and why we stay. It's a unique and lovely place! See you in your finery at the Commodore's Ball on Saturday November 25th!

Karen Smith, AYC Commodore

# director of sail training

SAIL TRAINING DIRECTOR

RANDY STEVENS



The program again this year was a great success and more that likely came within, or close to, our budget. With the help of an interest free loan, we were able to purchase three new optics for our younger sailors. This completes the purchase of new boats for the program.

During the 2005 season, we purchased three used 420's and with the help of donations, acquired two solings for use in the program. We do, however, need a new coach boat to replace the existing one along with a trailer to transport boats to regattas.

Our women's learn to sail program was a huge success this year, along with being profitable thanks to the generous gift of time and boats from our own membership. Eighty per cent of the proceeds from this program was to go towards debt repayment on loans

from either AYC for CYA for the purchase of new boats, as with the purchase and replacement of our fleet in years to come. Twenty per cent of the proceeds is to go to the Thursday night Women's Race Program to use as they saw fit.

Our July Junior program was full with August attendance being a bit disappointing due to vacation times, etc. Our Adult program was full again this year and, as usual, was a great success.

This year was the first year Chester Yacht Club had a separate class of keel boats manned by Jr. sailors. You will be pleased to know the clubs represented this year were Armdale, Lunenburg and Lahave. I trust AYC will again be represented at Chester Race Week again.

A very special thanks to Sean Kelly and Paul Trussler, two extremely capable young men. Without their leadership, our Junior and Senior sailing programs would not have been as successful.

You as member will be pleased to know AYC has taken the leadership in accepting the NSYA's recommendation of higher per hour pay to all instructors ensuring AYC has its choice of the best instructors available where some programs struggle to find knowledgeable staff.

With the use of "The Coast" we made great strides in marketing our programs to the public, a policy I trust will be kept for the 2007 season.

I leave my post as Director of Sail Training with regret. However, I know that my successor Greg Haverstock will continue the growth and progressiveness started by Mark MacNeil.

Good Luck, all the best in the future.

Yours truly,  
Randy Stevens  
Director of Sail Training



## Convoy Cup Sail Past Participation Presentation

Steinar Engeset (Director of the Convoy Cup Foundation) will visit AYC to thank us personally for our participation in the Convoy Cup. Each of the Sail Past participants will be given their prize for AYC Best Convoy 2006. Many Armdale members took part in this great event last September and all are invited to attend this evening.

Come meet Steinar at the presentation and reception Friday evening November 24th at 6:30pm sharp.

# Nov 24 6:30pm

Fun at AYC (clockwise from top): **Barrie and Rosalyn MacLeod**, aboard Skye Boat. Commodore's Cup winners for 2006, **Dave Clochetto**, Skipper **Bob Lee** and **Audrey Barnett** who raced Storm to victory. Marina H-party revelers **Randy Wetmore** and **Dee Hill**. **Kevin Rosborough** singing a tune with **Miles** and the band. **Mike Lawrence** and **Ann Wetmore**.  
photos by Barrie MacLeod, Randy Wetmore and Karen Smith



# fleet captain sail

FLEET CAPTAIN SAIL REPORT

ELIZABETH WHYTE



## Race Results

### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1st: Francis Tibbets**  
*Chapter 5, Kirby 30*
- 2nd: Dan Pride**  
*Highlander, Dehler DB-1*
- 3rd: Bob Lee**  
*Storm, Bluenose*

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### SATURDAY OCTOBER 14

- 1st: Norman Schneiderman**  
*Rhumble, Thunderbird*
- 2nd: Al Chaddock**  
*Raven, Roue20*
- 3rd: Tony Cook**  
*Genevieve, Independent 20*

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### DIE HARD OCTOBER 21

- 1st: Norman Schneiderman**  
*Rhumble, Thunderbird*
- 2nd: Nathan Reece**  
*Climax, Santana 35*
- 3rd: Scott Lorette**  
*Faugh-A-Ballagh, Beneteau*

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### WEDNESDAY FALL SERIES

- 1st: Stuart MacLean**  
*Shaman, Roue20*
- 2nd: Parker Noonan**  
*Ghost of Mr. Chicken, Redwing 30*
- 3rd: Tony Cook**  
*Genevieve, Independent 20*

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### THURSDAY FALL SERIES

- 1st: Liz Whyte**  
*Rogue Wave, Viking 28*
- 2nd: Nancy Morrison**  
*Heat Wave, Roue 20*
- 3rd: Becky Schneiderman**  
*Rhumble, Thunderbird*

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Well, the back half of the summer and fall certainly provided us with more good weather than the spring!

Fresh off the plane from Saint Pierre in July, we hosted the Nova Scotia Women's Keelboat Championship on July 15 & 16, with The Binnacle and Doyle Sails sponsoring the event. Our own Becky Schneiderman won the Spinnaker Class with Judy Robertson taking White Sail Class. We had eleven boats in total, including our very own Commodore Smith, who received a special award for landing in the drink! Thanks again to all the volunteers: Nancy Morrison, Janice Ptak, Allison Cameron, Vangie Sadler, as well as many others.

The double hander drew a crowd with 14 participants. Bob Lee on Storm took first place.

Many of the AYC boats headed down to BBYC to race in Metro Area Regatta which was a super event with lots of fun and good racing. Then it was off to Chester for Race Week which was excellent racing along with sunny weather, moderate winds, and a good time had by all!

The Wednesday and Thursday night races drew many boats and keen competition. Again I'd like to thank our new club racing sponsor The Binnacle, who have provided us with some wonderful prizes geared to racing for this year.



The Commodores Cup weekend had two great races with Bob Lee on Storm taking first place.

The Harbour Island Classic, my personal favorite, was held on a hallmark day with a steady south breeze and 27 boats from five different yacht clubs. The race was won by Norm Schneiderman on Rhumble.

AYC Championships was rescheduled due to the Stones concert. All three races saw great participation, good courses, and moderate winds, with Francis Tibbets on Chapter Five taking first place.

And last but not least the Die Hard took place on a windy day and produced some interesting entertainment (thanks Grant Gordon on Vagrant ...the boom vang...the boom vang). The race was won by Norman Schneiderman on Rhumble.

Well, the spars are coming down and the covers are going on. Time to play crib or darts, head south or go skiing!

Looking forward to seeing you all off the water for any of the above.

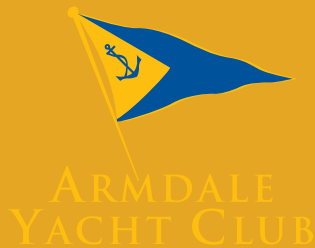
Cheers,  
Liz & The Bluedog  
Fleet Captain Sail

(clockwise from top): A very windy Die Hard race, competitors, Dan Pride on Highlander and Grant Gordon on Vagrant from NYC. During the club championships, Bob Lee with crew Audrey and Dave aboard Storm. During the women's learn to sail week in June Stuart Schnare, Peter Fry and Ken Bell looking like they are having a pretty good time introducing a bunch of women to the fun of sailing a boat! Nathan Reece smokin' at the start of the Die Hard. Jan Himmelman trimming main sheet on Rogue Wave.

photos by Liz Whyte, Karen Smith and Barrie MacLeod

## End of Season Soiree!

Every year in November, members of Armdale and their guests throw off their wet gear and jeans and get dressed up to **celebrate** each other's accomplishments over the past season. **Saturday, November 25th**, we will once again do just that. Mark it on your calendar and plan to attend the annual Commodore's Ball and Awards Night. It's a lovely way to end the season.



y o u , r e i n v i t e d !

## The Program for the Evening

### Cocktails 6:00PM

Come mingle with your fellow members over a glass of wine. Cash bar.

### Awards 6:30-7:30PM

Cheer on those who won, placed and showed during the season as they collect the silverware.

### Dinner 7:30-9:30PM

A sit down dinner with choices of appetizer, entree, dessert and coffee/tea (see menu at right). Seatings will be staggered to allow the kitchen prep time for each meal. Book a table, make your food choices, and reserve a seating time – 7:30, 8:00, 8:30 or 9:00pm. Cost for dinner and the dance is \$35 per person (taxes in). Does not include gratuity.

### Dance 9:00PM-1:00AM

Dance to the beat of **Rasta Gumbo** – these guys will have you hopping all night. Cost for dance only is \$5 at the door.

## Dinner Menu

(choose one per category)

### APPETIZERS

- **Caesar Salad** with our fabulous caesar dressing
- **Seafood Chowder** with dill, cream and a mixture of local seafood

### ENTREES

- **Baked Salmon** in a blueberry coulis.
- **Chicken Breast** with stuffing, breaded and baked then served in a red wine demi-glace. *both salmon and chicken are served with duchess potato and mixed vegetable medley.*
- **Linguini Pasta** tossed with a vegetable medley in garlic tomato sauce.

### DESSERTS

- Home made **Apple Crisp** with French vanilla ice cream.
- Frozen **Chocolate Mint Mousse**. *desert served with coffee or tea*

*Please call for dinner reservations 477-7650. \$35/person for dinner and dance (tax included but does not include gratuity)*

# Commodore's Ball & Awards Night November 25, 2006



November 25 @ 9:00PM  
Dance with  
**Rasta Gumbo!**  
all welcome  
\$5 admission



Just Cruisin'! (top to bottom): **Susie, Diane, Janice, Pauline, Pam and Janice**, with **Sheila** in front. AYC's Hell's Angel, **Paulie**. Lloyd's brother **Festus, Diane Manuel, Sheila English and Janice Giffin**. Captain **Nick, Rob and Debra Beck, Susie Blagdon and Diane Manuel**. photos collected by Munden Manuel

FLEET CAPTAIN CRUISES REPORT

# *fleet captain cruise*

MUNDEN MANUEL



As boating for 2006 draws to a close for most of us, let's look back and remember the events we enjoyed throughout the season.

In addition to the many cruising events, the Cruise Committee added moorings to AYC's collection again this year. Thanks to Neil Connors for allowing us to use Dive Com III; we were able to set five moorings along the south shore at Rouges Roost, Deep Cove, Chester, Backmans Island and Mahone Harbour. These are marked "AYC" in night light blue lettering; they also have an AYC Burgee on them with the exception of the mooring in Rogues Roost, which is unmarked. I would like to recognize the volunteers who were directly involved in the success of this project: They were; Neil, Lloyd Blagdon, Keith Campbell, Jeff Larsen, Nick Manuel and Gus and Jimmy Corbett. Thanks guys, without your help this would not have happened.

I also wish to recognize the following sponsors and their contribution to our events: The Binnacle, MMOS, Coachworks (Terry & Dee Hill), Connors Diving (Neil Connors), Divers World (Gloria Connors), Fairley & Stevens (Charlie

Giffin), DRH Canvas & Marine (Dave Hickey), Phil Currie, Mike Grantham, Oland's Brewery, Auto Choice Parts & Paints and anyone else I may have omitted.

Thank you for your support.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank my committee. These people are an example of what it means to be a member of this club. They have donated much time, energy and hard work, and without them the events of the past season would not have met with the success they did, as was expressed many times by those members who attended. So my thanks and appreciation go to Mike Grantham & Pauline, Mike Mahone & Donna, Grant Kennedy & Penny, Janice Giffin, Shelia English, Susie Blagdon, and my resource for information, Dave Hickey and Janice who handed me a great blueprint of how to do this. And a big thanks, of course, to my lovely wife Diane.

To the members who came out and supported the events, a great big thanks as well.

Thank you the members for having me as your Fleet Captain Cruise. It's been a blast!

Safe boating.  
Munden Manuel,  
Fleet Captain Cruise



The 2006 cruising season at Armdale including Poker Run, Bras d'Ore Lakes, setting club moorings, the Convoy Cup. I hope you recognize the boats and happy faces! Bottom shot (l-r) **Jim Corbett, Lloyd Blagdon, Munden Manuel and Nick Manuel**.

photos collected by Munden Manuel



## house chair

BARRIE MACLEOD



Our clubhouse really looks great. Thank-you for the hard work done by previous House Chairs and volunteers. This spring, Gloria Connors donated and planted the colourful flowers by the front door. Good choice Gloria, as they survived the wet June and the dry August, and are still thriving as I write this! Gloria also bought paint and brushes and charmed a bunch of us into joining her in putting two coats of paint on the club deck. Think of it as two fine parties. I never ate sandwiches in my life until Hannah made us hungry workers those yummy, crisp BLTs.

Dave & JB rebuilt the sailboat mast that is our flagpole, and a major co-operative effort saw the freshly painted pole raised up in front of the freshly painted deck. Then Hannah bought planters to place on the deck and steps. A member donated the Nova Scotia flag and is getting another one, as the first one blew out in one of our latest gales.

Did I mention volunteers!?! The club has "visiting" flags that are kept in the office, as the manager is always aware of visitors. These flags, however, do not last all year; they tend to fray at the end and fade. If you look up and think one needs to be replaced, please take it upon yourself to do it. If you have a connection with the British, Netherlands, U.S. or French consulates, perhaps you could try convince them to donate their country's flag to raise when visiting boats come through. Or, if you have ancestral ties to one of these countries, maybe you would consider buying that flag for the club. AYC has a good reputation for being helpful to visiting yachtsman, and sailing their flag is another nice touch. We learn from each visitor we talk to, and many of our members have had good experiences traversing the U.S. intracoastal. Heck, I only sail as far as the LaHave, so I live vicariously through these world travellers. As I write this in October, the club has no "visitor" flags left.

Volunteers are needed to water the flowers in the spring, and in August, when many of us are in Mahone Bay. Didn't the grass look great this year, when the pros were doing it and whipper-snipper EVERYTHING? Marina H members cleaned up the area around their marina, which is right in front of the clubhouse. Randy,

Anne and friends moved, washed, painted and put planters in place. Don't wait to be asked. Do something! Randy and Ann also organize a Marina H party each July 9th. The idea is to get the boat owners on Marina H to become friends, so at the very least they catch each other's lines when coming and going, after which they know each other, and have somebody to hang out with at clubhouse functions. Remember, it's a yacht club not a boat parking lot.

By the time you read this, there should be a couple of new windows in the clubhouse. Vic Stevens and Don Webster are working on installing them. One small window upstairs was allowing water into the building, down the wall behind Alan's Rose print, and so it is being replaced. The

compromised dining room window at the top of the driveway will be replaced by one that opens to allow the SW breeze through the room in summer. Also, the wall behind the bar will be insulated before the snow comes.

I am shy (except when drinking red wine) and a

procrastinator, so I do not consider myself a good choice for house chair. I am better at showing up with a paintbrush in hand. Niels was originally elected chair and would have been great, as he has ideas, skills and follow-through. Unfortunately for us, he was able to acquire a waterfront lot on the eastern shore. He build his and his wife's dream house while working and looking after their daughter, as his wife went on a course. He did not even get the masts in his schooner this summer. During the post-Christmas closure of the club, the new House Chair will have his/her own ideas on what needs to be done, but I hope to have a binder constructed of what previous committees have told me needs doing, and who knows what about what. Ken Bell is compiling a wiring diagram and marking ALL the circuit breakers in the old building, a good example of a volunteer taking action. Don or Paul, you should now be able to find the correct one without a half hour of searching!

Barrie MacLeod, House Chair



During the Marina-H party this summer, (top to bottom): Barrie MacLeod with Ann Wetmore. Janet MacInnis, Al Silverman, Roxanne Gautier and JB at the Commodore's Picnic. Allison Cameron and Jim Newall.  
photos by Barrie MacLeod and Randy Wetmore



## MEETINGS

**Soling Meeting**

December 2 @ 4:00 PM

For soling skippers and their crews to discuss the resurrection of the Atlantic Soling Association, the 2007 one-design sailing schedule and just to have a fun get together. Contact Karen or Bill for details.

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## BOATING COURSES

**CPS Boating Course**

with Dave Hickey

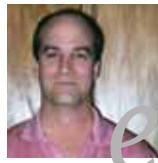
Wednesday nights  
7:00pm - 9:00 pm  
in the boardroom  
from November 8th  
until April 2007

**CPS Piloting Course**

with Dennis Harding

Tuesday nights  
7:00pm - 9:00 pm  
in the wardroom  
from November 28th  
until April 2007

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# entertainment chair

ENTERTAINMENT CHAIR REPORT

PAT NOONAN

Ah, the nip of fall is in the air, the leaves have changed colour, if they're still on the trees.

Now thoughts turn to snuggling down for winter's approach.

Time to haul out and plan our winter projects as well as next year's destinations. How long would it take a Tanzer to get to the Caribbean, I wonder?

This year was a busy one for me, and I didn't get out as much as I liked, but I had great trips to Liscomb and Mahone Bay.

They are always great places to go, and I will return to them as soon as I can.

Thanks to Munden for the new moorings in Mahone Bay: we availed ourselves of them at Beckman's Island and Deep Cove recently.

Two-footitis is creeping into the thoughts of Noonan Knight's crew, but we may well enjoy the Tanzer for another couple of years; she is a fine vessel and weathered the wind and waves much better than her crew this past season!

All right, what is left at the club this year? We have the Commodore's Ball on November 25th. Come out and enjoy what is, for most of us at least, the season wind down, although I know there are some hearty souls who will endure into December and beyond. Rasta Gumbo will be playing the ball, and there will be dinner and dance specials as well! The Kids' Christmas Party is on again this year: mark December 10th on your calendar. Thanks to Gloria Connors for all her hard work on this event; it promises to be a good one, as always!

New Year' Eve is just around the corner; get your tickets soon. Paul and his band Rockshow will be back.



Pat Noonan, Entertainment Chair



(top to bottom) At the Marina-H gathering: Terry and Sylvia Craig resting after some show stopping dancing, Karen Webster and Phyllis Martell, Greg and Cynthia Flynn, Vangie Sadler and Mark Graham on barbecue detail!  
photos by Barrie MacLeod and Randy Wetmore

## New Year's Day Levee

Come to Armdale's annual levee on the first day of the new year, January 1st, 2007, 1pm-3pm and have a glass of egg nog with your AYC friends and members of the community. Open to all!

Jan 1st @ 1pm



## 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. \$5.00 per person. Stay tuned for results as the year progresses!

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## Children's Christmas Party December 10th @ 2:00-5:00 pm

Refreshments for kids and adults • Entertainment: **Nearly Normal Norman** • Santa will be arriving by boat • Parents to provide a wrapped gift with child's name clearly printed and taped on package. Each gift **not to exceed \$15.00 value** so that Santa is perceived as fair to all. • It would be appreciated if parents/grandparents would advise if planning to attend. This will help in planning refreshments and layout for entertainment. • Call **Gloria Connors** for any questions or RSVP daytime: 876-7078, evenings: 479-1630 or email [gloria@connorsdiving.com](mailto:gloria@connorsdiving.com)

ho, ho, ho!

# vice commodore

BETTY ANN HALIBURTON



As we work frantically to put our boats into hibernation before the snow flies, the Committee of Management is turning its focus to the AGM and the agenda items on the slate for the evening. It's hard to believe a year has gone by since we were voted in to represent the club on the Committee of Management. It seems like just yesterday we were celebrating new beginnings with Moose Milk on New Year's Day and an introduction to our new roles on the Committee.

We've endured the usual challenges common to Committees from year to year, with the toughest being the departure of our manager mid year. Thanks to our volunteers at AYC who rose to the occasion – as they usually do! The club faired well through the absence in the office with Phyllis stepping in to take care of day to day business while Karen and the Recruiting Committee worked hard to find the best person for the job. They were successful in recruiting Christine Bray as Club Manager in early October, and we hope that you will take a minute to introduce yourself to Christine the next time you are by the office.

As we near the end of our year, I would like to report on the membership movement throughout the year. To date we have attracted approximately 34 new members to our club, consisting of 20 senior members and 14 social members. Also 6 social members became senior members and one senior became a social. Conversely, we have lost approximately 51 senior members and 47 social members for a net loss of 25 Senior and 32 Social. We are also at our maximum storage capacity on land (and likely in wet storage) so going forward, we will be wait listing any new membership applications (with the exception of Social, Outport, Intermediate and Junior memberships) until further notice.

Our sailing season seemed to go on forever –

once the warm dry breezes arrived, and memories of tranquil evenings at anchor in quiet coves in Mahone Bay or the frantic race around the buoys on Thursday evenings still linger. Those memories will keep us going over the next few months until the ground thaws and we're back doing what we do and love best! In the meantime, winter activity at the Club is starting to build, from CPS courses, to movie night, crib night and dart night. So keep on trekking up the hill, and enjoy the winter months in the company of the good people that make this club our home!

PS – I have a thought to leave with you. Our members who volunteer to serve on the Committee of Management and other sub-committees do a tremendous job in keeping the Club going year after year. However, there are more and more demands on our time these days and our volunteer time is dwindling. With a club of our size, the volunteer pot is not overly large to begin with – although there are Associate members

out there who may be interested in serving, but because of their Membership status, they are not permitted. Calling all Senior members!!! Do you have an Associate member who may be interested in joining the Committees? It is not out of the realm of possibility to pass your Senior membership status to your Associate member for a time (unspecified) and allow them an opportunity to bring new blood, new ideas to the table. It may be just the answer to freshen our volunteer base. Think about it!

Betty Ann Haliburton,  
Vice-Commodore



(top to bottom)  
At the Marina-H gathering: Allison Cameron, Audrey Mercer, Janet MacInnis and Vangie Sadler. Diane Mitchell, Ann Wetmore and Dee Hill. Baby Rebecca with her mom Celeste MacPherson. And tender operator, Greg Penny and Ann Wetmore.  
photos by Barrie MacLeod and Randy Wetmore



## Winter Hours

### BAR & LOUNGE

**Monday & Tuesday**  
closed

**Wednesday & Thursday**  
11:30 AM – 11:00 PM

**Friday**  
11:30 AM – 11:30 PM

**Saturday**  
10:00 AM – 10:00 PM

**Sunday**  
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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### DINING ROOM

#### LUNCH

**Wednesday – Friday**  
12:00 AM – 2:30 PM

#### DINNER

**Wednesday – Saturday**  
5:30 PM – 9:00 PM

#### BRUNCH

**Saturday & Sunday**  
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

#### AFTER HOURS MENU

When the bar is open but the kitchen is not, salads, sandwiches and bar nibbles will be offered. Ask the bar staff for details.

*The posted bar hours are a minimum and if members are enjoying the services, past regular hours they will not be asked to leave.*

Winter hours in effect  
October 16th – March 31st

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### OFFICE

**Monday – Friday**  
9:00 AM – 12 noon  
1:00 – 4:00 PM

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# club manager

FROM THE DESK OF THE MANAGER

CHRISTINE BRAY

It's hard to believe it's already November. I've been here one full month and I'm slowly getting acquainted with AYC. After a couple of rescued boats and some hundred scheduled haul-outs, I feel I'm finally starting to get the swing of things in the yard and get my bearings in the office. The marinas are emptying out and the stacks of paper are shrinking, but I've still got a big backlog to chip away at! Another couple of weeks and we will have made it through one of the busiest times of the year!

Thanks to the Committee of Management, Leslie and Phyllis, Wade and the top-notch yard staff for doing such a great job of bringing me up to speed. Thanks also to the now familiar faces at

the club for making me feel so at home. I've learned a lot from you already, but there is always more to learn.

I've had the opportunity to do club business with many of you already (oh, the joys of paying for winter storage), and I look forward to meeting the rest of you in the very near future.

I've really enjoyed my first few weeks at AYC. I look forward to working with the membership to ensure that Armdale continues to be the best place possible for you—its members!

Christine Bray,  
Club Manager



(top to bottom) Doug and Donna McGrath, Nile and Penelope Buckley's boat with beautiful new dodger at the dock. Rosalyn MacLeod helming Skyboat on a cool day!  
photos by Barrie MacLeod



## 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!

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## Nova Scotia Yachting Association AGM @ Armdale November 18th @ 3:00-4:00 pm

The Annual General Meeting is open to all NSYA members. It will be held at Armdale Yacht Club and everyone is welcome. There are specific sessions during the day for Learn to Sail Directors, Handicappers, Commodores, Rear-Commodores, General Managers and Cruising Planners.

Check out [nsya.ns.ca](http://nsya.ns.ca) for more details

# NSYA AGM

## Gas & Diesel Receipts

Gas and diesel receipts must be submitted to the office no later than December 15, 2006 to receive your 10% rebate.

Any AYC member with gas or diesel slips may bring them to the office at anytime to receive your credit. We would prefer to apply the credit to your account and not issue cheques. However, if a member wishes to receive a cheque, this can be done.

# 10% rebate

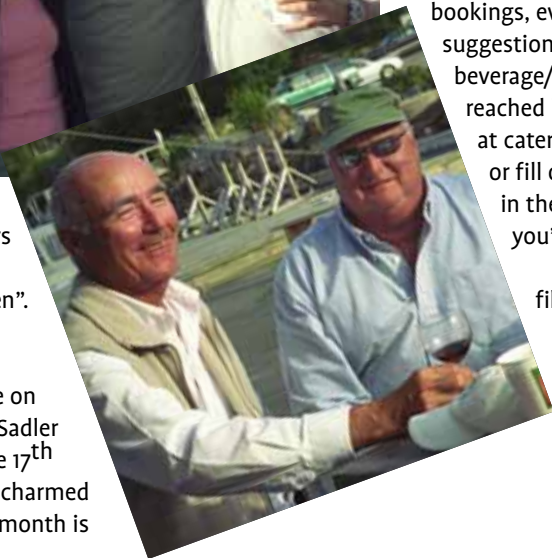
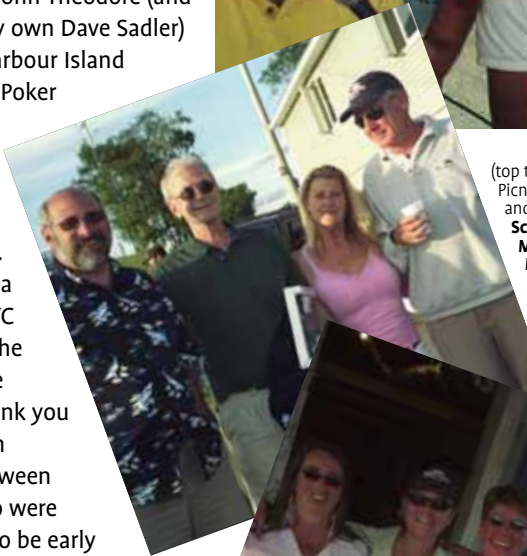
# catering greeting

Hello again AYC! Fall is upon us, and Hold man winter is just around the corner. Hopefully everyone got some time on the water this summer, whether in their own vessel or a friend's.

This past season was very busy for us and we would like to thank everyone for their support. We had Wednesday/Thursday night racing, Friday night music with Miles & friends, John Theodore (and more recently our very own Dave Sadler) and events like the Harbour Island Classic, Fish-O-Rama, Poker Run and the Ladies Keelboat Provincials as well as the very successful Ladies Learn-to-Sail Program. More recently we had a great crowd for the AYC Club Championship, the Die-Hard Race and the Halloween Dance. Thank you to all who came out in costume for the Halloween Dance (and those who were unfortunate enough to be early and helped decorate).

There are still a few events left before the year ends. Movie Night makes its return to AYC in November (with a special thank you going out to our technical support... you know who you are!). We'll be showing a different film each Wednesday at 7pm in the Commodore's Room. The kitchen will feature a special (call or check the e-newsletter for details) and the popcorn is always fresh. Come and join fellow members by the fire for a few hours and watch a flick on "the big screen".

Our Friday afternoon entertainment continues in November with John Theodore on piano and our very own Dave Sadler on upright bass. Join us on the 17<sup>th</sup> and every second Friday to be charmed by the duo. Our finale for the month is



(top to bottom) At Commodore's Picnic, **Reg Grant, Karen Smith and Len LeBlanc, Stuart Schnare, Bob Lee, Diane Mitchell and Bill English, Maxine Rosborough, Lisa Noonan, Leslie Samson and Pat Noonan, Janice Ptak, Steve Murphy and Dan Pride, Barry MacLeod and Darrell Kennie.**  
photos by Karen Smith

sure to be a hit with Rasta Gumbo performing at the Commodore's Ball on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> (\$35 per person for the dinner and dance). Get your tickets early!

December marks the beginning of Christmas party season, so be sure to call ahead to book your function. We can accommodate as few as 10 people in the Founder's

Room or as many as 120 people in the Upper Wardroom, and any number in between. Contact Christine in the office (902.477.4617) to check for availability and rental rates.

And who could forget New Year's Eve? Ring in the new year with your fellow members here at AYC.

The parking is free and we party into the wee hours. Keep an eye open for details!

With a new baby expected at the end of this month, I won't be at AYC very much, but in my absence please call Mary Jane for any information on

bookings, events or any other questions or suggestions concerning our food and beverage/catering services. We can be reached by phone at 902.477.7650, email at [catering@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca](mailto:catering@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca), or fill out a comment card and drop it in the suggestion box next time you're up at the club.

Thank you all again for a fun-filled year. See you at the Club!

Hannah Gibson  
Catering Contractor



## Movie Night

Wednesday night Movie Night is back. 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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## Update on Catering at Armdale Yacht Club

At the Special Catering Meeting in October, the minimum usage fee for bar and dining room services was voted in as policy of the club, the amount of which to be decided yearly at the AGM in November, for the following year. For 2007, the amount will again be \$200 per Senior and Social member for the calendar year.

We are presently reviewing your completed catering

surveys and are determining how to proceed with the catering contract for next year. In concert with the new contract, we will formulate a method to administer the minimum usage food and beverage requirement that makes it easy for members, the caterers and the office to use and monitor.

We thank the catering committee for their hard work and the members who took the time to give us your feed back. We will keep you informed of our progress.

# calendar of events

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER / JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
19 <b>NOVEMBER</b>	20 Closed: Winter Hours Club closed Mondays & Tuesdays	21	22 CPS Boating Course 7:00pm  Movie Night 7:00pm	23 Dart League 7:00pm	24 Convoy Sailpast Presentations 6:30pm  Crib League 8:00pm	25 <b>Commodore's Ball and Awards Night</b> Stating @ 6:00pm
26	27 Closed: Winter Hours Club closed Mondays & Tuesdays	28 CPS Piloting Course 7:00pm	29 CPS Boating Course 7:00pm  Movie Night 7:00pm	30	<b>DECEMBER</b>	
3	4 Closed: Winter Hours Club closed Mondays & Tuesdays	5 CPS Piloting Course 7:00pm	6 CPS Boating Course 7:00pm  Movie Night 7:00pm	7 Dart League 7:00pm	8 Crib League 8:00pm	9
10 <b>Children's Christmas Party</b> 2:00-5:00pm	11 Committee of Management (COM) Meeting 6:30pm	12 CPS Piloting Course 7:00pm	13 CPS Boating Course 7:00pm  Movie Night 7:00pm	14 Dart League 7:00pm	15 Music by John Theodore 4:00-7:00pm  Crib League 8:00pm	16
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31 <b>New Year's Eve Party</b> 9pm-1am	<b>JANUARY</b>		3	4	5	6
<b>New Year's Day</b> Levee 1pm-3pm	Annual Winter Shut-down for Maintenance					