

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2007



Delivering the Solings from Chester to Halifax on August 19th: **Stuart Schnare** on *Kestrel*, **Karen Smith** on *Twillick* and **Archie** and **Alana Thibault** on *Twister*. Inset: *Twister* in the Arm. photos by Archie Thibault

# The Burgee

ARMDALE YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

2007 - 09



The lovely swells during the Soling Chester/Halifax delivery. Now you see it. Now you don't! Plus 6 of the Solings on a mooring ball on a foggy Chester day during Race Week. (I know this is shameless Soling self promotion on my part!) photos by Archie Thibault

## RACING

- ABF @ RNSYS**  
October 13
- Danginn @ DYC**  
October 13
- Die Hard @ AYC**  
October 20

## EVENTS

- Special Meeting re: Proposed Yard Expense**  
October 24 @ 7:00pm
- Halloween Dinner & Dance**  
October 27
- Armdale AGM**  
November 8 @ 7:00pm
- Commodore's Ball: Awards, Dinner and Dance**  
November 24

HIGHLIGHTS

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of MANAGEMENT 2007

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# editor

FROM THE EDITOR

KAREN SMITH

We're getting down to the short strokes for 2007 folks, but there is still a lot to do and a lot on the go here at the club. I'd like to bring your attention to two important business meetings for Senior, Intermediate and Life members in good standing. There is a Special Meeting on Wednesday October 24th at 7:00pm on a proposed purchase for the yard for which we will need your input to approve, as well as the Annual General Meeting on Thursday November 8th, also at 7:00pm. You will be receiving a proper notice of meeting in the mail per the bylaws very soon. Please mark these dates and plan to attend.

On the social side of the coin, we have the always fun Halloween Party on October 27th which is preceded by a special dinner and as well the end of year Commodore's Ball and Awards night on November 24th which is always a lovely event to celebrate the racing and cruising year. This has been such a lovely fall, we can all celebrate that!

Thank you to our Burgee folders who have gotten more than their share of paper and tongue cuts this year making sure you get yours in the mail. It is very appreciated that you turn out most every time and spend this social time together and contribute to your club. It's the kind of thing that makes this place a capital-C Club and not just some place to put your boat. We thank you John, Barrie, Rosalinde, Darrell

and all of you who drop in from time to time.

Thanks very much to Alan Silverman who has donated a computer and cabinet to the club (which resides in the Upper Wardroom of AYC). The computer is for the use of the Sail Training Program and has also been useful to members and guests looking for weather information and in the production of race results. Your generosity is appreciated.

Thanks to Chris Brown and a very active volunteer,

who wishes to remain nameless, who took the time on a warm summer's weekend, to go up on the jail roof and reflash, mesh and tar the roof around the vents which were leaking in places. It's the efforts of our fine volunteers which keep the club working and our fees from skyrocketing.

At the AGM there will of course be the election of officers for the 2008 calendar year and Nominating Committee Chair, Tom Harper and his committee are busily beating the bushes for volunteers. Please, if you have not already stepped up to volunteer

for the Committee or would like to do it again, contact Tom and let him know you are willing to serve. Social and Associate members can volunteer for Entertainment Chair and Burgee



Pauline and Mike Grantham with their daughters Veronica and Megan who've been boating with mom and dad since they were small children. A blast from the late 90's Kevin Furby and Sharrie Harrington with JB! photos by Karen Smith

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The Burgee

The Burgee is published 10 to 12 times annually, has a print run of 330 copies and is received by over 125 members electronically. It is distributed to all AYC members and to our advertisers.

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. [burgee@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca](mailto:burgee@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca)

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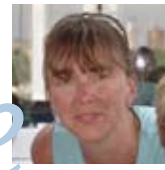
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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

# the commodore

KAREN SMITH



Editor and the remaining positions must be occupied by Senior members. Please take a moment and consider it.

I want to wish our Manager, Christine Bray a happy anniversary at AYC (she's just completed a full year's cycle so has experience everything now at least once). I think the average member doesn't fully appreciate the volume of work generated down in the office – it's hard to keep up with it. I want to thank you for your efforts Christine and hope that next year it will get easier second time round. She needs the cooperation of each and every member to do her job efficiently and effectively, so I ask that you do your very best to cooperate when asked to provide a document or pay a bill in a timely fashion. It makes all our lives easier and it's part of what being a member of a "club" is all about, isn't it? We would appreciate it.

On a personal note, the Silver Sail Race was to take place the weekend of September 15 and due to predicted very "stinky" weather, it was cancelled. It is a race from Halifax to Cross Island and back, about 100 miles or a little under a day sail. I was to crew with my friend Grant out of DYC and had my bag packed complete with inflatable life jacket, harness and warm woollies – all ready to go, when it turned out to be a non-race. As it happened, at the time, I was sitting aboard Marge and Peter Blunden's, *Life of Reilly* as they were getting ready to head off in the early morning to Sable Island, when I got the call from Grant

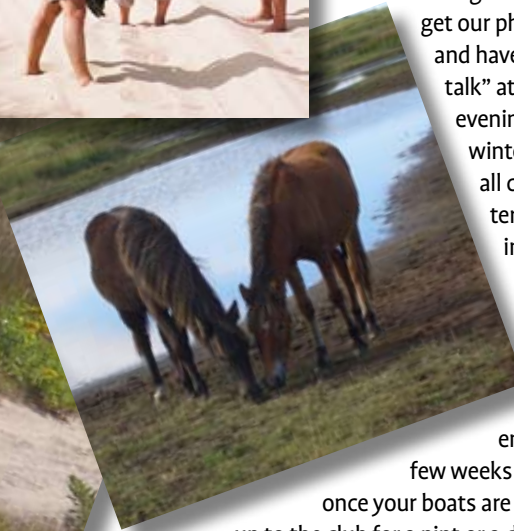
so I was invited to join them as now, it appeared I was free for this other adventure. In under 4 hours I had arranged my home and work life and threw my bag aboard Reilly and off we headed for Liscomb (held up there for a little less than a day while the "weather" blew through) and then headed for Sable Island. We spent the better part of the morning and afternoon in shifts on the island (someone had to stay with our anchored boat for safety reasons), checking out the ponies, seals, birds, vegetation and chatting with some of the seven residents of the island. It was beyond spectacular and a great privilege indeed to be one of only 12 or so boats to land at Sable this year. It's amazing how far away you can see the flame of Thebaud at night. Looks like a nav-buoy in the beginning but then gets far too big and you realize it's the gas platform. Very neat. The trip itself, we could not have asked for better conditions or a better experienced, fun and cohesive crew. Good wind, warm and sunny, dolphin escorts every now and again. The entire trip took a little under 4 days (not including the welcome back cocktail when we got back to the Armdale dock!) and was simply amazing (thank you Peter, Marge, Blair, Richard and Fred for including me). I hope we can get our photos together and have a "slide show/talk" at the club one evening during the winter when we're all craving the water. Maybe it will inspire someone else to make the trip next year.

I hope you all

enjoy these last

few weeks of boating and once your boats are put away, come up to the club for a pint or a dinner and hang out with your friends. It's a pretty comfortable place!

Karen Smith, AYC Commodore and Burgee Editor



Sable 2007: *Life of Reilly* crew, Blair King, Peter Blunden, Fred Guptill, Marge Blunden, Richard Mitchel and Karen Smith at the dock in Liscomb. Reilly skippers Peter and Marge. On the island Fred, Karen and Richard. Two wild Sable ponies having a munch. Blair trying to stay in compliance with the "don't-interact-with-the-ponies" directive from island staff but this one was intent on checking out his jacket pocket! photos by Blair King and Marge Blunden



## Winter HOURS

### BAR

**Monday and Tuesday**  
closed

**Wednesday and Thursday**  
11:30am – 10:00pm

**Friday**  
11:30am – 11:30pm

**Saturday**  
11:00am – 8:00pm

**Sunday**  
11:00am – 6:00pm  
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### DINING ROOM

**Monday and Tuesday**  
closed

**Wednesday – Friday Lunch**  
11:30am – 2:30pm

**Wednesday & Thursday Dinner**  
5:30pm – 8:00pm

**Friday Dinner**  
6:00pm – 9:00pm

**Saturday and Sunday Brunch**  
10:00am – 3:00pm

### After Hours Menu

A limited food menu is available outside regular kitchen hours. Ask bar staff for details.

The posted bar hours are **minimum hours only** and if members are enjoying the services at closing time, every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate them past regular hours. This may not always be possible.

Summer hours are in effect  
October 16th – April 30th  
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### OFFICE

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

**note:** The intent of posted office hours is to narrow, for your convenience, the time that our Office Manager is available in the office if you drop by and do not reflect the total number of hours worked each day, which is much greater.  
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# 2007 racing SEASON

## ABF

October 13th

at RNSYS

## Danginn

October 13th

at DYC

## Die Hard

October 20th

1st gun 1:00pm

The last race of the season

at AYC!

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# Welcome new MEMBERS

## SENIOR

Margo Coughlin

Black Russian

Kirby 25

## SOCIAL

Ian Campbell

Claude Hoopy and

Associate, Beverly Renner

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# Music at AYC

## 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.

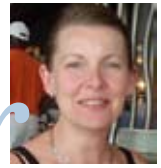
Come join us!

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MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB MANAGER

# club manager

CHRISTINE BRAY



**A**s the season is winding down, the last day for tender service will be **October 8th** and the last day of Summer catering hours will be **October 15th**. After this date, no catering services will be provided on Mondays and Tuesdays. Tender service will be available Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm only.

**Be sure to book your haulout early!** and keep in mind, we require the following: proof of insurance (with a current expiry date), a signed waiver and an account that is paid up to date. If these items are not in place your haul (or launch) date, your appointment will be rescheduled by the office to allow for the updating of this information.

We will be invoicing for **winter storage and summer power on October 2nd**. If you do not receive your invoice in the next few days, please contact the office. If you do not use summer power and have been billed for it, let us know and your invoice will be adjusted. **We ask that you please pay these invoices promptly.**

**Insurance about to renew?** We have now set up a system to automatically remind members to submit copies of their insurance policies, on their renewal dates. Most members find it easiest to request that this information be faxed directly from the insurer to the AYC office, on the yearly

renewal date. *It is very important that we receive an updated copy of your policy each year.*

**You may sign up for auto-billing** at any time... your credit card will automatically be charged for the amount of your current invoice, 30 days after the invoice date. Sign up today by contacting the office!

Many of you have already received your **new membership cards**. The remaining cards will be mailed out with the October 2nd invoices. A reminder: these new cards will not be replaced each year. Instead, when you pay your dues in the new year, you will receive a yearly renewal sticker to be placed on the back of your card. Cards will be renewed each year using this system.

## Notes on Winter storage Billing

Your account was billed for the type of winter storage you requested this year, based on your update form or on usage in previous years. **This is not a guarantee of your storage request at this time;** your placement will be confirmed by the Yard Foreman at a later date.

At the budget meeting in early 2007, the budget was passed as presented with winter storage being billed by the square foot. The question of wet storage rates was referred back to Fees and Dues Committee for further consideration. The recommendation of the Fees and Dues Committee was to bill wet winter storage at the same rate as dry storage (which has been the case for a number of years) and this was approved by the COM. Wet winter storage will be billed by the square foot with a 5% discount to be applied for 2007 only. If there are any errors on your invoice, please notify the office and an adjustment will be made to your account.

We will soon be accepting new payment methods. Look for details in the November/December Burgee!

Christine Bray,  
Armdale Manager



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# Halloween Boo!

**Dinner** for \$12 per person with a choice of Hot Turkey or Roast Beef: 6:30-9:30pm. Call 477-7650 for reservations. **Dance** 9:00pm-1:00am with Metro, \$5 per person at the door. Throw on a costume and come join your fellow members for the fun!! **Saturday, October 27th.**

**October 27th** | evening

# ayc moorings

AYC MOORINGS ALONG THE SOUTH SHORE

**Backman's Island Mooring.** Some members have expressed concern over the name change on the mooring at Backman's Island. This mooring is still part of the chain of moorings along the south shore which have been set for the use of AYC members. The AYC mooring at the Backman's Island location was cut some time between last fall and this spring. This was noticed by an AYC member who lives in the area. He had a diver go down and check out the gear and bring up the chain and attach two replacement balls. As it appeared someone didn't like AYC having a mooring at Backman's it was decided not to put "AYC" on the new balls. Instead the members name and the name of his boat were placed on the balls. The thinking here was, since his is a well known and respected south shore name the mooring may have a longer life if it was thought to be his rather than AYC's. Nothing else has changed and the mooring is for the use of all AYC members... and anyone else for that matter. Since these are not registered moorings so no one can really "claim" them. Please, simply use good manners and common courtesy when / if you arrive and another boat is on the mooring.

## Location and Markings of AYC south shore moorings :

**Rouges Roost** – 44 28.575N / 063 45.393W

No markings on the mooring... it's a metal can type float

**Deep Cove** – 44 31.603N / 064 06.294W

"AYC" &/or Burgee on the mooring

**Chester** – 44 32.141N / 064 14.816W

"AYC" &/or Burgee on the mooring

**Mahone Bay** – 44 26.782N / 064 22.237W

"AYC" &/or Burgee on the mooring

**Backman's Island** – 44 25.036N / 064 17.595W

"Stevens / Ceilidh" on the mooring

All Senior, Intermediate and Life members, in good standing are invited to attend and participate in a

## Special Meeting regarding a proposed yard purchase

on Wednesday, October 24th at 7:00pm. A notice of meeting will be forthcoming in the mail. **Mark on your calendar and plan to attend!**

**October 24th | 7:00pm**



To All AYCMembers  
**CRIB STARTS**

**FRIDAY,  
OCTOBER 26, 2007**

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## SPECIAL REQUEST

For members planning on coming into the dining room on Friday evening... if your group is going to be larger than four, please call 477-7650 and make a reservation!  
Greatly Appreciated!

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## COMMODORE'S BALL DINNER

**November 24, 2007**

### Appetizers: \$5

Miniature Fish Cakes/ Caribbean Salad/ Curried Pumpkin Soup

### Entrees: \$14

Jerk Chicken/ Herbed Prime Rib/ Poached Salmon with cutney

### Desserts: \$4

Variety from the kitchen

Seatings at

7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30 & 9:00

Advance ticket sales not required but

**PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS!**

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## HALLOWEEN DINNER

**October 27th**

BOO!

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# DieHard Race

October 20, 2008

Last race of the season on  
 Armdale's calendar • **Saturday**  
 October 20 @ 1:00pm •  
 Come lets go round the cans  
 one more time before we put  
 the boats to bed!

# 1:00pm

### Gas & Diesel Receipts

Gas and diesel receipts must be submitted to the office no later than December 14, 2007 to receive your 10¢ per litre 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. However, if a member wishes to receive a cheque, this can be done.

**10¢ per litre rebate**

All Senior, Intermediate and Life members, in good standing are invited to attend and participate in the **Armdale Yacht Club Annual General Meeting** on November 8th at 7:00pm. General business as well as the election of officers for 2008 are on the agenda.

Mark on your calendar and plan to attend!

**November 8th | 7:00pm**

### 2007 CYA Annual General Meeting Weekend

October 27 & 28, 2007  
 Kingston, Ontario

#### more information:

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# Winter Boating Course at AYC

for AYC Members Only

Once again this winter we will be offering a CPS Boating Course for AYC for members only.

The Boating Course will be instructed by **Dave Hickey**.

The Boating Course will be on Wednesday evenings and will start a 7:00 to 9:00 PM, running approximately 14 weeks. There will be a break over the Christmas season.

Registration can be done at the Club Office during office hours.

There will be one registration night at the club on October 10 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Course fees are as follows:

- **Boating** - \$200.00  
includes PCOC exam

**For information** you can contact Norman Raine, 477-4106

*The piloting course is cancelled at AYC. One is available at William Spry Centre if you would like to contact CPS to enroll.*

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**Crib**  
league

Crib starts up again on October 26th and will run through the winter until May at 8pm on Friday nights. \$5 per night which includes coffee, tea and sandwiches. We look forward to seeing you all back again in the fall and welcome any new comers to join in.

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**Dart**  
league

The AYC Dart League will start up again on Thursday October 18th, in the Lower Wardroom at 7:00pm. The cost to play is \$5.00 per week and play runs through to the end of April. At the end of the season, there is a Darts Banquet where many prizes are given out (which is covered by the cost to play). We are always looking for new players. This is a fun night and a good way to get to know club members. If anyone wishes to join they should look on the notice board for registration.

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# calendar of events

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>OCTOBER</b> 7 <b>Thanksgiving Turkey Raft-up Dinner</b>	8 Thanksgiving Day (last day of tender service)	9 <b>Committee of Management Meeting</b> 7:00pm	10	11	12	13 Danginn (BBYC) ABF (RNSYS)
14	15 Last day of Summer Hours	16 1st day of Winter Hours (club closed Monday and Tuesdays)	17	18 <b>Dart League STARTS</b> 7:00pm	19	20 <b>Die Hard Race @ AYC</b> 1:00pm
21	22 <b>Winter Hours: closed Mondays</b>	23 <b>Winter Hours: closed Tuesdays</b>	24 <b>Special Meeting</b> 7:00pm	25 <b>Dart League</b> 7:00pm	26 <b>Crib BEGINS</b> 8:00pm	27 <b>Dinner</b> 6:30-9:30 <b>Halloween Dance</b> band: Metro 9:00pm - 1:00am
28	29 <b>Winter Hours: closed Mondays</b>	30 <b>Winter Hours: closed Tuesdays</b>	31	<b>NOVEMBER</b> 1 <b>Dart League</b> 7:00pm	2 <b>Crib</b> 8:00pm	3
4	5 <b>Winter Hours: closed Tuesdays</b> <b>COM Meeting</b> 7:00pm	6 <b>Winter Hours: closed Tuesdays</b>	7	8 <b>AYC Annual General Meeting</b> 7:00pm	9 <b>Crib</b> 8:00pm	10
11 Remembrance Day	12 <b>Winter Hours: closed Mondays</b>	13 <b>Winter Hours: closed Tuesdays</b>	14	15 <b>Dart League</b> 7:00pm	16 <b>Crib</b> 8:00pm	17
18	19 <b>Winter Hours: closed Mondays</b>	20 <b>Winter Hours: closed Tuesdays</b>	21	22 <b>Dart League</b> 7:00pm	23 <b>Crib</b> 8:00pm	24 <b>Commodore's Ball and Awards Night</b>