

SEPTEMBER 2007



The revelers, too numerous to name individually, in McGrath's Cove in August. photo by Sebastien Latulippe

# The Burgee

ARMDALE YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER 2007 - 08

## RACING

**One Design Regatta @ RNSYS**  
September 8th & 9th

**Silver Sail Cup @ DYC**  
September 15th & 16th

**Saturday Race @ AYC**  
September 15th, 1:00pm

**Harbour Island Classic @ AYC**  
September 22nd

**AYC Club Championships**  
September 23, 29 & 30

## CRUISING

**AYC Poker Run, Dinner and Dance**  
September 8th

HIGHLIGHTS



McGrath's Cove Weekend Cruise and a snippet of Pirate Themed Evening that was a jolly good time by all accounts! photo by Sebastien Latulippe

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FROM THE EDITOR

KAREN SMITH

Everyone keeps saying that summer is over and it simply isn't true. Yes, most vacations are done and students are back in the classrooms again but summer is still with us until the third week of September and the fall is the best time for sailing in my books. I hope you are all having a good season.

August was a great month on the sailing and cruising front with so many of our boats participating in local events as well as races in Chester and LaHave and cruising all down the shore from the Roost and McGrath's Cove to other parts of Prospect and Mahone Bays.

Very fun. AYC once again, largely due to our marvelously dedicated volunteers, pulled off two major sailing events on a shoe string budget with details coming together right at the wire. The Nova Scotia Women's Keelboat Regatta saw 14 boats on the line, 9 in spinnaker and 5 in white sail, and some

Sometimes there's just not much to work with, wind wise. A couple of shots from the NS Women's Keelboat Regatta.  
*photos by Betty Ann Haliburton*

great racing. Thanks to those who participated and those who volunteered to make sure the weekend went off smoothly: Liz Whyte, Betty Ann Haliburton, Nancy Morrison, Alaine Pothier, Becky Schneiderman, Leslie Samson, Jack Cameron and of course our sponsors: The Binnacle, Doyle Sails, Goslings Rum, Coachworks, NS Forrestry Products, John David Shoes, Beacon Securities and Evangeline Securities (hope I didn't miss anyone!). Metro Regatta was touch and go there for a while but thanks to our members' volunteer efforts, I am still receiving compliments from

boats-from-away as to what a good four days it was. Pitching in on standby

protest committee (though thankfully their services were not required) were Ken Bell, Bob Lee, Greg Haverstock, Greg Baker, Tony Cook and Bill Haliburton. Helping me out on registration desk and t-shirt sales were Nancy Morrison, Alaine Pothier and Sadie Hardiman. Race Committee were Paul Tressler, Nik Himmelman, Rob Gordon, Leslie Samson, Liz Whyte, Norman Schneiderman, Blair King and Karl Baker. A special thanks to Rob and Leslie who stepped up quickly, when our previously committed Committee boat had to decline due to mechanical difficulties (thanks for trying Jack!). We spent many hours out there before the first boat started and after the last racer ended setting, running and recording the outside starts and finishes. Many thanks! Our dedicated sponsors came through again for us with prizes and economical rum! : The Binnacle, Doyle Sails, Goslings Rum, Coachworks,

NS Forrestry Products and Beacon Securities (please shop at these fine businesses). Thanks to our staff for making the grounds so spiffy and getting the visitor's infrastructure in place

## 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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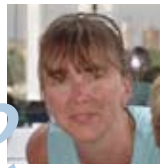
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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

# the commodore

KAREN SMITH



and also to the wait staff and chef who were hopping all weekend. We had, in the end, 39 boats: 12 from AYC, 9: BBYC, 9: RNSYS, 5: SYC, 2: DYC and one each from Lunenburg and Chester. It was great to see the Premiere Fleet come even though we had two days outside and two days contending with the Arm which can be difficult with a bunch of big boats, but I always say, love us love the Arm! It will definitely serve to get your tacking procedure down pat! Thanks all for coming!

The Commodore's Cup and Picnic was the last weekend of August and was well attended. As usual, the weather cooperated and many a hamburger and corn was consumed. An enormous thanks to Ms. Samson for getting all the logistics together for the picnic and also to our tropically clad barbecuers: Tom Harper, Reg Grant, Andy Rice, Paul O'Tool, and prep-helpers Rob Gordon, Judy Knight and Alain Goldfarb.

I had the most special sailing experience I have ever had on the water last week during the Mobility Cup which was hosted at Dartmouth Yacht Club. It is an International regatta for people with significant physical disabilities (for photos go to [www.sailable.ca/gallery/mobcup.htm](http://www.sailable.ca/gallery/mobcup.htm)). You will not meet a group of sailers who are more delighted to be on the water competing with their peers. I will be hard pressed to ever complain about a "bad" day on the water or about some of the trivial things we all seem to get caught up in. The event had 39 sailers split into two classes based on experience level. Most sailers had a companion sailer who was there to offer assistance if required and advice (for the more inexperienced racers). I was fortunate enough to have the pleasure and the privilege of companion sailing with Ron Newman from Regina, for the four days, to get to know some of these amazing people and the most vibrant sailing community



A few shots of me and my skipper Ron Newman from Regina, racing and preparing to get in our boat at Mobility Cup. Also part of a windy start line with 20 class boats. Something to see! photos by Jerry Lockett and Tom Gerencser

going. Imagine having no movement below your chin and having the courage to go out on the water and race a sailing vessel with you at the controls. Truly wonderful technology, these boats with joy sticks, windlass and sip-and-puff technology. Next year it will be in Montreal and I intend to plan vacation around it to sit in the stern with another racer. Marvellous stuff.

This experience was fairly freshly on the heels of our taking the Soling fleet to LaHave River Yacht Club and Chester Yacht Club and doing a bunch of racing and deliveries to and from which bonded the fleet and made me fall in love with my boat and sailing all over again. I needed that! It's been a very good few weeks in my boating "career" and I hope to keep this feeling near and dear.

The club will be lighting up again for the fall with the beginning of darts and crib in October as well as still many races and socials and meetings and dinners so don't forget where we live. If you have any interest in serving on the Committee of Management for 2008, please contact Nominating Committee chair, Past-Commodore, Tom Harper or anyone on the current board and we will forward your name and intentions. Maybe this is the year for you to pitch in on a committee level!

I wanted to mention that we would like to have a plaque produced to acknowledge Armdale members who served in either WWI or WWII, given the military connection of Melville Island. We will be asking our Life Members to help compile the list but if you, or someone you know, falls into this category, please send a note along to Christine at the office and we will compile the list in the next few weeks. Past-Commodore, Pascal Batiot has offered to fund the production of this plaque. Please send any name to the office by end of September.

Karen Smith,  
AYC Commodore and Burgee Editor



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.



## TENDER OPERATORS

Stephen Killam  
Brendan Henneberry  
Gray Little

## HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday – Friday  
8:00 AM – 10:00 PM

Saturday & Sunday  
9:00 AM – 10:00 PM

The tender operates from May 19th to October 8th

Please note that access to the **spar shed** during regular yard hours can be gained by contacting our Yard Foreman and after hours (evening and weekends) through the tender operators during their hours of operation.



# 2007 racing SEASON

## Wednesday Night Fall Series

6-Race Series

August 22nd - Sept 26th

6:30pm first gun

## Thursday Night Women's Summer Series

6-Race Series

July 26th - Sept 6th

6:30pm first gun

## Saturday Race

September 15th

1:00pm first gun

## Harbour Island Classic

September 22nd

Bermuda start (ie, the lower your handicap the earlier you start. Generally handicaps of 100 start at 1:00pm with each handicap point adding or subtracting 2 minutes to your start time. There will be a schedule posted so you know when to be on the line.) Great fun ending in an evening of dancing, dinner and merriment!

## Club Championships

September

23rd, 29th and 30th

1st gun 1:00pm each day

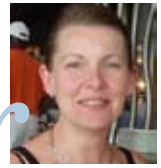
Three days of racing to crown the Club Champion!

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MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB MANAGER

# club manager

CHRISTINE BRAY



**M**embership cards are now in! At last they are here! If you are going to be at the club in the next few days drop down to the office to pick up your card(s). Those cards not picked up will be mailed out with the next AYC mail out. The new cards carry a magnetic stripe to assist your server in tracking your account. We ask that members **carry their cards at all times**. Servers will be asking for your card prior to you receiving food or beverage service.

**Catering invoices** are now past due and reminder letters have gone out. Please contact the office to make payment arrangements as soon as possible. Catering invoices will be treated the same as all other club invoices, failure to pay will result in suspension from the club.

If you have adjustments to be made to your catering invoice (tabulated using amounts spent between January 1 and June 30) please provide proof to the Catering Manager. Any purchases made after June 30, 2007 can be subtracted from your invoice at the AYC office by bringing in your receipt(s). **All adjustments must be made no later than August 31, 2007.**

**Insurance Updates...** please remember to provide updated insurance information to the office when you renew your policy. Updated information needs to be provided to the office on a yearly basis. You must have current insurance information on file before we can launch, haul or move your boat.

**Tender and Gas Service.** The last day for full (weekend) tender service is October 8<sup>th</sup>. After this date these services will be available on weekdays, Monday through Friday, 8:30 - 4:30 only. Service will not be available during the lunch hour. If you plan to remain in the water after this date, please contact the Yard Foreman for assignment of a temporary marina.

**Haul outs.** The office is now taking bookings for haul outs. The final haul out date for this year is November 30, 2007. Please let the Yard Foreman or Club Manager know as soon as possible whether you prefer to store your vessel in the water or on land for the season. We will do our best to accommodate all member requests.

Christine Bray, Armdale Manager

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MESSAGE FROM THE FLEET CAPTAIN CRUISE

# fleet captain cruise



SEBASTIEN LATULIPPE

## McGrath's Cove Weekend

Twenty-five boats from AYC (11 sail boats and 14 cruisers) along with one RV (Terry & Dee) attended the McGrath's Cove Weekend this year, making this the biggest showing yet at this event. From Friday's evening Meet & Greet and fireworks (complements of Captain Cruise), the Treasure Hunt on Clark's Island on Saturday followed by a steak BBQ and pirate theme evening and dance with DJ, to the impromptu jamming session on the dock on Sunday during the "whatever is left over brunch", all hands had a wonderful time. The weather was beautiful with lots of sunshine and everyone danced the night away. Do not miss this event next year as additional moorings will be placed in the cove at the local residents cost because they enjoy receiving the Fleet so much. Next year goal is to receive 30-plus boats.



The Premiere Fleet outside on day-three of Metro Regatta. **Randy Wetmore** and **Barrie MacLeod's** adventure down the shore each on their own boat.  
photos by Pierre Bourry and Barrie MacLeod

## Mahone Bay Cruise

The Mahone Bay Cruise was a hit as most boats left from McGrath's Cove on Monday and traveled to the "Bay". A steak and potato BBQ on Backman's Island along with a big camp fire (complements of *Morning Glory*) and guitar jamming session had us singing late into the night. Most of the crew made their way back that Saturday while others stayed on for an additional week!!



## Upcoming Events

Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> September!!

### Annual Poker Run Dinner and Dance.

Registration at the club at 11:00 AM (\$10.00 per registrant). First leg beginning at 1:00 PM and last leg at the club by 6:00 PM. Drinks and prizes following with Steak Dinner @ 7:00 PM (\$10.00 per person) and a Live Band starting at

8:00 PM. For those who can't do steak, chicken will be available so come out and cruise with us!!

Questions to: Sebastien at [dreambig@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dreambig@ns.sympatico.ca) or phone 220-4000. And keep your heads up for the Thanksgiving Raft up in early October.

Yours Aye,  
Captain Cruise, Sebastien Latulippe, *Fleet Captain Cruise*



## Summer HOURS

### BAR

**Monday and Tuesday**  
11:30am – 8:00pm

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

**Friday**  
11:30am – 11:30pm

**Saturday**  
11:00am – 10:00pm

**Sunday**  
11:00am – 8:00pm  
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### DINING ROOM

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

**Wednesday – Saturday Dinner**  
5:30pm – 9:30pm

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

### After Hours Menu

When the bar is open but the kitchen is not, a limited food menu will be available. Ask the 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.

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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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# CPS Boating Course & Piloting Course

for AYC Members Only

**Armdale Yacht Club** is offering the Canadian Power and Sail "Boating" and "Piloting" courses for AYC members only at your club.

Registration will be taken at the office during their business hours and there will be one registration night at the club mid October, date will be announced.

**Cost of Courses:**  
Boating - \$200.00  
Piloting - \$125.00

Classes will start the last week in October. Course duration is approximately 14 weeks with a break over Christmas.

The Boating course is available to all boaters who want to hone their skills and particularly to new boaters. It is a basic boating course with an introduction to some navigation. If you do not have your PCOC operators license you can write the exam during this course to obtain it.

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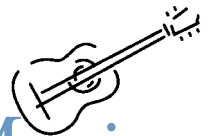
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**Music  
at AYC**

**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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**TO ALL AYC MEMBERS**

**CRIB STARTS**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2007**

**Upper Wardroom – 8:00PM**

**\$5.00/person**

**Lots of great prizes and fun**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE**

Leslie Samson

# calendar of events

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>SEPTEMBER</b> 2 Labour Day Regatta (BBYC)	<b>3</b> Labour Day Regatta (BBYC)	4	5 Wednesday Fall Series (3 of 6) 6:30pm	6 Women's Summer Series (6 of 6) followed by Raft-up! 6:30pm	7	8 <b>AYC Poker Run, Dinner &amp; Dance</b>  One Design Regatta (RNSYS)
9 One Design Regatta (RNSYS)	10 <b>Committee of Management Meeting</b> 7:00pm	11	12 Wednesday Fall Series (4 of 6) 6:30pm	13	14	15 <b>Saturday Race</b> 1:00pm  Silver Sail Cup (DYC)
16 Silver Sail Cup (DYC)	17	18	19 Wednesday Fall Series (5 of 6) 6:30pm	20	21	22 <b>Harbour Island Classic</b> Bermuda Start
23 <b>AYC Club Championships</b> (day 1)	24	25	26 Wednesday Fall Series (6 of 6) 6:30pm	27	28	29 <b>AYC Club Championships</b> (day 2)
30 <b>AYC Club Championships</b> (day 3)	<b>OCTOBER</b> 1	2	3	4	5	6 Turkey Bowl (RNSYS)
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	19	20 <b>Die Hard Race</b> <b>@ AYC</b>