



THE BURGEE

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Congratulations to Paul Connors
2nd place Cribbage winner



Congratulations to Wells Woodill
1st Place Cribbage Winner



Congratulations to Al Soward
3rd place Cribbage winner

DINING ROOM HOURS

Monday to Friday
Lunch
11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday to Saturday
Dinner
5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday
Brunch
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

SUMMER HOURS

May 1st to October 15th

Note: The Kitchen will close one-half hour prior to the dining room closing

The posted 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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11:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

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Sunday
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THE BURGEE

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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 at midnight.

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ALL NEW, ALL DIGITAL, BURGEE!

At the last budget meeting, the membership voted to make the transition from the present paper Burgee to a fully electronic version. (A limited number of copies will be available only for those members without computers.) This will save the club a considerable amount of money in postage, printing, paper and other supplies. In addition, it's a small contribution towards conservation.

We want to make sure that you continue to receive your copy. Please ensure that the office has your current email address.

Watch the AYC eNews for a link to the current month's Burgee. To be included in the mailing list for the AYC eNews, send your request to **aycnewsletter@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca**. You can also go directly to the Burgee on our website, **www.armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca**

AYC eNews

The **AYC eNews** is sent out weekly to all members who have submitted their email addresses.

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 Sunday at suppertime. Send your submissions to:

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1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MESSAGE from the BURGEE EDITOR, SADIE HARDIMAN

Recently, I had the opportunity to speak with Bill Dooks (NS Minister of Tourism) who sailed on the leg of the Clipper Race from Halifax to Sydney. I had heard Bill didn't have any sailing experience and I wanted to hear about his experience. I had a good laugh when speaking with Bill and asked him to write about his experience so I could share it with you. There's a big difference between spending time on the water in a power boat and racing up the coast of Nova Scotia in an international clipper race!

The day the Clipper left Halifax to race to Sydney, there were gale force winds blowing and I could only imagine what it was like for a novice. I was just glad it was Bill and not me! At least he had a safety line keeping him from being swept overboard!

I hadn't set foot on a sail boat myself til last summer when I took the women's sailing lessons. Our first night out was very windy and there was a lot of keeling happening. I heard one boat's sail got torn. While it was fun, we were only in the North West Arm for a couple hours each night. Our last day out, the skies opened up and the rain poured straight down on us! I loved it and want the best of both worlds - a power boat and a sailboat!

I haven't taken part in the Wednesday or Thursday night races; however, I've been told it's fun and a good way to improve your sailing skills.

You old hats at sailing might have a good laugh reading about Bill's experience while to those of us new to the sport, it will reinforce advice to keep up with our sailing lessons and participate in the racing series offered at AYC to hone our skills.

Sadie Hardiman, Burgee Editor

MESSAGE from the CLUB MANAGER, CHRISTINE BRAY

Going on vacation? Please notify the yard foreman of your departure and return dates, this will help make the assignment of visitor spaces a lot easier for the staff!

As you have likely read by now, we have a new civic address for the club. It is 75 Burgee Run; this new address is for deliveries only. All correspondence by mail should be sent to our post office box at:

PO Box 22105 RPO, Bayers Road
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Look for our new marina map coming soon to our web site! This map will show the layout of the club in general and also show the numbered marinas for your reference. We hope to have this available for member and visitor use sometime in July!

Dry summer storage for the 2007-08 season ended on June 30. Those members who have boats on land will be billed for summer storage. If you intend to hit the water soon, please let the office know as soon as possible as we will begin billing out for summer dry storage this week.

Have you labeled your tender? Recently we asked all senior members to label their tenders with their AYC number by June 30. We have now removed all tenders that do not have a number or name. If you would like to claim your tender, please contact the office by August 15. Any unclaimed tenders will be disposed of after this date.

The yard staff has completed a new set of stairs that run from the back door of the club to the slipway and will be replacing the other set of stairs soon. They will also be replacing the tender racks before the haul out season.

We need your help! You've probably noticed that the staff working hard to get the yard and grounds cleared now that the launch season is over. If you have items to store, we ask that they be put in your locker, on your vessel or removed from the grounds. Things are looking good but they could look even better!

For security reasons, the clubhouse front door may be locked, even though the club is "open". Usually this will be the case first thing in the morning before the restaurant opens, and in the evenings when a single staff member is scheduled. If you arrive during regular office or restaurant hours and the door is locked, we ask that you press the buzzer outside to gain access to the building.

Christine Bray, Club Manager

Storage of Vessels

At the June meeting in 2008, the Committee of Management, passed a motion that vessels that remain in storage after one full year will be charged the regular storage rates, plus an additional 25%. For each additional year in storage, the previous year's rate will be charged plus an additional 25%. Please note: All requests for continued land storage must be approved by the COM as outlined in the yard rules.

The implementation of these fees will begin at the end of June, 2009.

Please refer to the Armdale Yacht Club Rules Respecting Grounds, Moorings, Marinas and other Facilities, under the subtitle General, subsection 16.

Christine Bray
Manager, Armdale Yacht Club

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR, SAIL TRAINING, GREG HAVERSTOCK

We're in the midst of our sail training season and there are still openings available in most of our remaining programs. That includes our youth program in 1 and 2 week segments, our adult coed program on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in August and our new junior women's program weekdays from August 11-22. This new program is intended to attract girls to sailing in a hassle free environment. Contact the office to register for any of these programs.

Buzz Sailboat Kits For Sale

We are disposing of several partially complete 14' Buzz sailboats to help fund our programs. These consist of hull, mast and boom starting at \$300. If interested please contact ghaverstock@eastlink.ca or phone 425-5905.

Greg Haverstock, Director Sail Training

Haulout Fees - Members

Haul & launch \$0.30/sq ft
(Minimum charge \$75)

Haul & stay in yard \$0.50/sq ft
(minimum charge \$100)

The above includes a pressure wash.

Haulout Fees Non-Members

Haul and Launch \$1.00/sq ft

Haul & stay in place in yard \$1.25/sq ft

The above includes a pressure wash.

EVENTS CALENDAR

For members who are wondering what's coming up in the months ahead, you can now go to our web site to access and print the calendar for the month of your choice - just go to [armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca, news&info](http://armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca/news&info), calendar

PLEASE
REMEMBER
TO SCOOP
YOUR
DOG'S POOP!

Stepping in doggy do
really doesn't bring
good luck,
just dirty shoes &
groans of disgust!
Yech!



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MESSAGE from the COMMODORE, JIM McBURNEY

The boating season has arrived bringing with it the outrageous price of fuel. If you have watched our pumps, you will notice that we are priced exactly ten cents per litre above your local gas station. With our ten cent per litre rebate program (you keep your receipts and put them in to the office in the fall for a rebate), we are selling at the same price as downtown. If you are going to use the rebate program, you should talk to the Club Manager to make sure you have your receipts in early enough to qualify as there are date limits imposed.

I have completed a letter to DND who will forward to the Department of Transport our request to have our 'works' (marinas and moorings) declared legal under the Navigable Waters Protection Program. This project has been brewing for some time and hopefully is now complete.

For those of you who have guests visit your boat from time to time, we have commissioned a graphic artist to make up a map to be displayed on our web site which can be used to locate any marina. The hope is that you will be easier to find while it draws people to our site and creates interest in our Club.

As a result of a Catering Committee meeting, we are looking at purchasing some patio tables so people can dine outside if they choose. The construction of these tables is the critical component as far as I understand. The last ones, if reported correctly, were seen going downwind faster than the boats the patrons were trying to watch.

The Bylaw Committee has completed a large body of work and will be posting a series of recommended changes on our web site and in the Clubhouse. In both locations, there will be displayed a form that can be used to register your thoughts on the proposed amendments. We hope this process will lead to a smooth special meeting where we can bring our critical documentation up to date.

Anna and I had the chance to work with our wonderful catering staff to try out an evening of ethnic dining. Chinese was the theme and the response of members was remarkable. It was a lot of work but a most enjoyable experience. To see the Club full of people enjoying themselves was the best reward possible.

We got to start the serious summer sailing season with some good racing and two great marina parties. Marina H had a super BBQ and then a DJ in the Junior Sailing Building. It was a wonderful time and a lot of people passed through our portals to attend it. Marina C had a pot luck dinner on the new "Deck" and many of us had a great time and an unscheduled weight gain.

Speaking of the new Deck, everyone is welcome to use it. For those social members that never get a chance to sit by the water, it is ideal. The benches are comfortable and the Marina C "commune" is making arrangements to provide a BBQ on a user pay basis.

To the organizers of the events, a well deserved thanks.

On the business side of the ledger, we had some concerns about the reliability of our marine railway. The Committee of Management (COM) authorized funds for an engineering survey to determine the present state of the equipment. Those who have read the eNews know that we are going to have to replace the marine railway. Not having that facility is not an option as it is our main operating equipment. I will repeat here that there will be a couple of special meetings, one to approve requirements and funds to produce a design, and a second to approve the design and the funding to build over the winter. There is no longer any other choice. Watch the eNews for information.

A second problem has raised its head as well. We have received a letter from HRM asking us about what we do with our sewage. We will have to answer that and then see what the future holds. I suspect that there will be further action required on that front but do not want to speculate.

The Committee of Management does not meet in August as most of the members are away cruising or on holidays. The Office will be open and we will try to deal with any urgent problems that arise. Christine will know how to contact the members of the committee if the occasion arises.

I know it will not be a great time to attend special meetings over the summer but it is essential to meet the target of having equipment for the spring launch. Please try to make the meetings if possible and if you can't and can think of any special requirements for the future equipment, please do not hesitate to forward that information so that it can be considered in the project.

As always, I hope to see you all at the Club and my ears are always open! I wish you all a safe and happy boating season!

Jim McBurney, Commodore

MESSAGE from the VICE COMMODORE, MICHAEL CASEY

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

As Vice-Commodore one of my responsibilities is to chair the Membership Committee. All potential members of our Club have to pass muster with this Committee before being COM approved. The members of this Committee are:

Peter Blunden Gerald Hann Ann Kyle Bruce Mahar Paul Taylor

I would like to thank the members for their assistance in reviewing the applications which led to the COM approving the following new members:

Peter Gravel Senior Peter owns a Bayfield 29

Kris Skiba Senior Kris owns a Simond & Simond 20

We also welcome two new Social members:

Erik Larsen and Gary Barkley

A big welcome to all the new members!

Terrific DVD

One of the best DVD's I have seen is '**Deep Water**'. You would enjoy this whether you are a power boater or a sailor. It is the story of the race for the first solo circumvention of the world, which took place in 1968.

It details the race and in particular the voyage of Donald Crowhurst, for whom the race ended tragically. There is a lot of really good original footage.

I won't go into any more of the details, because it would ruin it for you!

Visiting Yachts

We are all busy this time of the year getting boats ready, but it really pays to strike up a conversation with these visiting yachts.

I made a point of doing so with John Blair, who is from South Wales. John purchased a Hans Christian 38 cutter in Boston, and was on his way back to Wales. I really enjoyed John and his crew, giving them a drive or two to various places around town, as did other Club members. (I also hear that Parker Noonan entertained them lavishly!) I learned quite a bit about his boat, which I had read about but never had seen - a real cruiser, all 25,000 lbs. of her.

See you on the water!

Michael Casey, Vice-Commodore

ADMINISTRATION of the MINIMUM USAGE FEE for CATERING at AYC

At the Budget Meeting in February, the membership passed a motion calling for the early billing of half of the Minimum Usage Fee (MUF) or \$100 with the 2nd installment to be billed later in the year.

Invoices for the 1st installment of the MUF have been generated based on member spending to February 29th; this amount has been subtracted from \$100 to determine the amount owing. In an effort to reduce administration in the office, any spending that occurs following the issuance of the invoice (after Feb 29th and before your invoice is paid) will not be deducted from your invoice. However, these amounts will be taken into account in the calculation of the invoice for the 2nd catering installment in October.

Once your October invoice has been calculated and sent, there will be no adjustment to the original invoice. Therefore, we strongly encourage all members to spend their catering amounts before Sept 30. This will simplify the administration of the catering assessment and greatly assist in reduction of the workload in the office.

Once your invoice has been paid, a "virtual gift card" will be set up for the amount of the invoice under your member name and number in the squirrel system. When you come to the club, let your server know you have a gift card and that you would like to use it for your purchase.

Keep in mind...

It is the responsibility of each member to provide their member number to the server when ordering, and to request a receipt when the bill is paid; this will help to ensure accurate tracking of your spending.

Gift cards must be used by December 31, 2008. If you can not use your gift card, you can request that your amount be transferred to another member by submitting your request in writing to the office.

Catering invoices are treated the same as all other club invoices, interest will be charged on all accounts past due 30 days and failure to pay will result in suspension from the club.

Mike Casey, Vice Commodore

2008 Billing Schedule

January/February

- membership dues
- CYA membership dues (SR members only)
- lockers

March 15

- 1st half of catering assessment (unspent portion of 1st \$100)
- assessment 1: debt reduction assessment \$ 200 (one time)
- assessment 2: capital project \$100 (yearly, to be billed in 2009 in Jan/Feb billing)

1st week in May

- marina/mooring
- spar storage
- winter power (for wet winter storage 2007/2008)

1st week in October

- winter storage
- summer power (summer 2008)
- 2nd half of catering assessment (unspent portion of 2nd \$100)

Note: All additional services will be billed on a per use basis, within two weeks of the service being purchased

COMMODORE'S PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2008

2:00 p.m. til whenever

DJ - LEN LeBLANC



Barbecue

3:30 to 5:30 or so
HOTDOGS,
HAMBURGERS,
SAUSAGES, CORN
& GOOD FUN!

CLICK!

1st Annual AYC Photo Contest

That's right, this summer we're having a Photo Contest. So dust off those cameras and memory sticks and start clicking away!

Here's how it Works:

The Contest has five categories, none of which will be judged on technical competence. Rather, we're looking for those shots that convey the spirit of the Armdale Yacht Club at its best. Each month, the winners of each category will be posted in the clubhouse. At the end of the season, we'll post all of the monthly winners, and let you vote to decide the 5 finalists! The Grand Prize winner will receive a \$100 dollar voucher for AYC branded merchandise. Runner up pics will be available for viewing on the AYC Website.

So get out that camera and start sending us those pics!! Please make sure you label each photo with your name, and the category you're entering.

Categories, Rules/Regs, Technical specs are available on the AYC website.



**** FRIENDLY REMINDER ****

**ALL DOGS
MUST BE KEPT ON A LEASH**

While some of us gladly share our ice cream cones with our furry friends, others have been bitten or had bad experiences which understandably makes them fear dogs running loose. Although your dog wouldn't hurt a flea, to someone with a real fear of dogs, your pal may be just as fearsome as Mama Bear with her cubs!

MESSAGE FROM LESLIE SAMSON - CRIB REPORT

Every Friday Night, October through April, members have gathered in the Upper Wardroom to continue the tradition that has been taking place for over 50++ years.

What the "Cribbers" lack in numbers, they certainly make up for in the enthusiasm for the game. This year, the Banquet was held on May 2, 2008 and I would like to give a special thanks to the catering staff for providing us with an excellent dinner and service. This year's first place winner was Wells Woodill, 2nd place Paul Connors and third place Al Soward.

I wish everyone a great and safe summer and hope to see everyone back in the fall.

Leslie Samson



Paul Connors, Elaine Bennett, Marion and Gordon Foote



Ruth Connors and Maisie and Wells Woodill



Ella & Jack Jollimore and Dave and Pat Baker



George Haliburton and Warren Allen



Italian Night at AYC with Giacomo (Chef Jamie) and guest chef Andrea (Andy Rice) was a huge success with a great turnout for each of the two sittings held. Great food and fine wine enjoyed with friends and acquaintances resulted in a delightfully entertaining evening. Best complements to the chefs for a job well done, and to all others who contributed to making this event happen. Definitely a 'must repeat' - and the good news is more are planned! Watch for details in upcoming editions of the eNews, AYC's weekly Newsletter.



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MESSAGE FROM THE FLEET CAPTAIN CRUISE, LLOYD BLAGDON

AHOY! Fellow Boaters

The weather has been somewhat co-operative with getting more boats in the water. We cannot control the amount of sunshine we are getting. We have to use it the best we can.

We are having some trouble with our moorings which will be sorted out later on. Keep your eyes on the Cruise link and CruzNooz boxes (which are being repainted to conform to present day advertising).

As most boaters are aware, the yard staff has placed recyclable bins at the old ice shed. Please use them for what they are intended and meant for - recyclables not garbage. Your cooperation in making our Club neater, cleaner and environmentally friendlier is appreciated by all boaters.

Again, I ask you to be ready for events which will happen on a weather permitting basis.

The Chinese Feast was a great success. Thanks to all concerned.

Our hope is that all boaters are taking advantage of the ever changing weather.

As a Cruise Committee we have been busy planning and trying to conduct some of our cruises. However, we have had only minor success. We will keep trying and have the following cruises planned:

McGrath's Cove/South Shore Cruise - August 1st - 10th

McGrath's Cove Weekend is August 1st - 3rd

Boats will be leaving McGrath's Cove Sunday evening (3rd) and/or Monday morning (4th) for the South Shore Cruise.

Our next Cruise Sponsored events will be:

Tuesday, August 5th - Backman's Island - BBQ on Beach and bonfire

Wednesday, August 6 - Backman's Island - Corn Boil and bonfire

For the safety of all our cruisers, may we suggest leaving Halifax in groups. Just ask around and get an idea which group timing might be best for your departure.

McGrath's Cove group departures for the South Shore will be organized from McGrath's Cove.

Monitor Channel 16 while cruising.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Club, on the Marina and at Sea.

Yours, Aye

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Starting June 26 - August 18

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9 am - 4 pm Monday-Friday

Beginner Courses - White Sail

...are a minimum of 1 week. \$150 + hst

Intermediate Courses - Bronze Sail

...are a minimum 2 weeks; at least a month is recommended to achieve skills and have fun doing it. \$320 + hst

Students can be picked up from Halifax Peninsula at Jubilee or Horseshoe Island Docks

Junior Women's Sailing Program

August 11-22, 2008 9 am-4 pm

This is a new program for girls of all ages, skills and experience levels. Registrants will be matched with others based on skills, interests and experience to develop skills towards White or Bronze certification. \$300 + hst

Adult Co-ed Programs

Available Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6 - 9 pm throughout the summer, sessions are 2 weeks. \$150 + hst

For registration or further information, please visit www.armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca, e-mail Christine Bray, AYC Manager at

office@armdaleyachtclub.ca

or call (902) 477-4617

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WOW!

WOMEN ON WATER



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MY EXPERIENCE ON THE CLIPPER SHIP RACE FROM HALIFAX TO SYDNEY, NS

It was a perfect day for a sail. The sky was blue and the sun was a brilliant galleon on the horizon, wishing me and the Nova Scotia Clipper crew all the success on our voyage from Halifax Harbour to Sydney. The Nova Scotia Clipper Round the World Yacht Race was about to experience its first real nautical challenge. Little did I know or expect the mountain high waves and gale force winds that forcefully greeted us as we left the harbour.

I loved my experience sailing on the Nova Scotia Clipper, and therefore, owe a great deal of gratitude to Sir Robin Knox-Johnston and Skipper Robert McNally for affording me the opportunity to take part in this race. As a young boy growing up around lighthouses on the Eastern Shore, I always dreamed of sailing the open, calm seas with the wind at my back and the world ready to grasp in front of me. So it was a real pleasure to meet and sail with these experienced and respected gentlemen. And not to forget the fantastic Clipper crew who all pitched in to provide me with the experience of a lifetime. But I tell you, I now take the words "calm seas" in a whole new light.

Sir Francis Drake once said, "The only way to get a good crew is to marry one." And let me tell you, I was married to that crew because without full cooperation and teamwork, we could have been in trouble. From the moment we set sail on that glorious Nova Scotian morning, it wasn't long after that the winds picked up and really challenged us. Gale force winds tore our main sail halfway through the race, torrential rain swamped the deck, and sleep, forget about it! I was lucky to get 20 winks. But we trusted Skipper Rob's experience and ability to manage each issue as we encountered them, and more importantly, we trusted ourselves. After all, that's what the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race is all about – finding the inner strength to overcome obstacles and meet extraordinary challenges. I would say if they taught this as a course at one of the fine post secondary institutions in Nova Scotia, they would call it Character Building 101.

Halfway through the journey I actually wondered if I had made the right decision. I was sleep deprived, starving mad (tea and corn beef soup was all I had), but fortunately I didn't experience the sea sickness most people told me I would. By the end, I no longer questioned my decision. I had sailed successfully as part of a team through some of the toughest conditions Skipper Rob admits he had ever seen. When we arrived in Sydney, I felt like a new man. I have a simple little saying that goes like this: "it's all about the kickstand." It means life is about balance and experience. We all use a kickstand to guide us to bigger and better things in life. For me, sailing on the Nova Scotia Clipper in one of the finest yacht races in the world helped me see the bigger picture and has given me an experience I will never forget.

Happy sailing to all,

Bill Dooks

MESSAGE FROM THE FLEET CAPTAIN SAIL, PAUL BEZANSON

Armdale Yachts Perform well at Opening Regattas

The Metro opening regatta season has finished with Armdale Yachts doing well in both placements and participation.

At Armdale's Opening Regatta which was marked by rain and mixed wind conditions, Armdale was represented by Festivus, Highlander, Gersemi, Black Russian, Melville Island, Osprey, Black Russian, Heatwave and Genevieve. In Premier Class, Festivus skippered by Mark Holden placed third. In A Class, Gersemi skippered by Paul Bezanson placed first. In B Class Greg Baker's Roue 20 Heat Wave placed second.

At The RNSYS Opening Regatta, Armdale was represented by two yachts: Festivus and Black Russian. In B class Black Russian skippered by Margo Coughlin placed second.

At Dartmouth's Opening Regatta, Armdale was represented by three yachts; Festivus, Melville Island and Black Russian. In A class Melville Island skippered by Vangie Sadler placed 3rd.

At Bedford's Opening Regatta which was marked by a very windy race on Saturday, Armdale was represented by Festivus, Highlander, Gersemi and Black Russian. In A Class, Gersemi placed second.

At Shearwater's Opening Regatta, Armdale was represented by Festivus, Highlander, Gersemi, Calypso, Melville Island, Black Russian, Rogue Wave and Rhumble. In Premier class, Festivus placed second. In A class, Gersemi placed first and Highlander skippered by Dan Pride placed second. In B class, Rogue Wave skippered by Liz Whyte placed second.

In conclusion, two statements should be made:

1. At least one Armdale Yacht placed at each club's Opening regatta; and
2. Two Armdale Yachts, Festivus skippered by Mark Holden and Black Russian skippered by Margo Coughlin, were the only boats in the province to participate at all five Opening Regattas.

Paul Bezanson, Fleet Captain Sail

"Rhumble" wins Nova Scotia Women's Keelboat Championship

Becky Schneiderman and her crew sailed "Rhumble" to Victory in the Nova Scotia Women's Keelboat Championship in the Spinnaker class. The event was held at the RNSYS on July 25th and July 26th. Six races were sailed in two classes over the two day event, in which crew work was paramount. Janet Machines and her crew sailed "Bandit" to second place in the Non-Spinnaker class

Congratulations to the skippers and crews of "Rumble" and "Bandit".

AYC RACING RESULTS

Wednesday Nights Non-Spinnaker Racing Results	Spinnaker Racing Results	Thursday Nights Womens' Racing Results
May 21st 1st Gersemi 2nd Highlander 3rd Bandit	May 28th 1st Highlander 2nd Heat Wave 3rd Black Russian	June 5th 1st Bandit 2nd Heat Wave 3rd Rhumble
May 28th 1st Bandit 2nd Gersemi 3rd Genevieve	June 4th 1st Black Russian 2nd Highlander 3rd Rhumble	June 12th 1st Heat Wave 2nd Rhumble 3rd Bandit
June 4th 1st Bandit 2nd Gersemi 3rd Terpsichore	June 11th 1st Highlander 2nd Rhumble 3rd Osprey	June 19th 1st Heatwave 2nd Bandit 3rd Rhumble
June 11th 1st Gersemi 2nd Bandit 3rd Renaissance II	June 18th 1st Gersemi 2nd Rhumble 3rd Black Russian	June 26th 1st Heatwave 2nd Bandit 3rd Rhumble
June 25th 1st Gersemi 2nd Bandit 3rd Bonnie Jean	June 25th 1st Rhumble 2nd Highlander 3rd Heatwave	July 3rd 1st Heatwave 2nd Rhumble 3rd Bandit
July 2nd 1st Gersemi 2nd Bandit 3rd Bonnie Jean	July 2nd 1st Hummin 2nd Seabird 3rd Rhumble	July 10th 1st Rhumble 2nd Heatwave 3rd Black Russian
July 9th 1st Bandit 2nd Genevieve 3rd Gersemi	July 9th 1st Rhumble 2nd Scrapper 3rd Heatwave	July 17th 1st Rhumble 2nd Bandit 3rd Heatwave
July 16th 1st Bandit 2nd Gersemi 3rd Genevieve	July 16th 1st Highlander 2nd Heatwave 3rd Rhumble	July 25th 1st Rhumble 2nd Bandit 3rd Heatwave
July 23rd 1st Calypso 2nd Gersemi 3rd Bandit	July 23rd 1st Highlander 2nd Shaman 3rd Rhumble	

Double Handed race July 5, 2008

1st Gersemi - Lynn Sawyer
 2nd Hummin - Bill Haliburton
 3rd Heatwave - Greg Baker

Performance Cup #2

1st Genevieve - Tony Cook
 2nd Gersemi - Paul Bezanson
 3rd Rhumble - Norman Schneiderman

Single handed Race July 19, 2008

1st Rhumble - Norman Schneiderman
 2nd Bonnie Jean - Brad Blackford
 3rd Chapter Five - Francis Tibbetts

AN INVITATION from MIKE TURNEY AUGUST 28, 2008, 7:00 pm



Pretty much everyone retires, sooner or later. There are the odd few that labour on 'till the final trumpet blares, but they are far from the norm. Most of us look forward to the day that they can call it quits on the daily grind and can cast off the lines that tie them to the nine to five and move on to more preferable things.

We, that's Mike and Barb Turney, NELLEKE, A-Dock, pilot house ketch, the one with the yellow kayak on the cabin, for those of you who might not know us, are no exception to that rule. Barb's choice was made for her as the firm that she had been working for over the last 10 years downsized as her project migrated to India, and without a project, what use is a Project Manager? As for me, I have been dreading the moment, but as the time draws closer there is the dawning realization that the time has come. Better to depart on a good note and leave space for junior staff to move upward than to hang on like grim death and become one of those sad Colonel Bogie caricatures that you see in the cartoons sometimes.



NELLEKE is undergoing the necessary cruising preparations for our retirement. If you haven't already guessed it, this fall we intend to follow Jim Corbet, Vince and Dianne Purcell, and others of the club who have already made the snowbird's trek south. Weather permitting we intend to leave Armdale on the 29th of August with Pat and Lisa Noonan from NOONAN KNIGHT as crew for the first two weeks of the trip. We have spent coming on nine great years at AYC, had the pleasure and privilege of meeting some really fine folks with whom we all share at least one common interest – boating! We have plied the waters of the North Atlantic from Newfoundland to Massachusetts. We have made some lasting friendships and have enjoyed the camaraderie of all. We have eaten many excellent meals and drunk some very fine beers at the club, and have been totally comfortable with the skill and professionalism of the yard crew as they were handling our boat during haul outs and launchings. Our intent is to retain our membership while we are cruising so as to have a homeport to return to. We have already started a blog for the boat and our trip at www.sailblogs.com/member/nelleke. Please bookmark and follow our adventures.

As this occasion will represent Mike's retirement from the Canadian Armed Forces, custom dictates that the military system holds a retirement party to celebrate. I have some discretion in the nature and venue for this party and I have chosen to have it held at AYC on Thursday evening at seven o'clock on the 28th August, the day before our departure.

This notice in the Bury is intended to serve as a blanket invitation to the club membership and staff to attend the party and I'm hoping that as many of you as possible will choose to will attend. If you've never been to a military retirement party, you might find it interesting.

The military tends to celebrate a career by roasting the dearly departing. Individuals will take turns telling a story, whether it be absolutely true or embellished, intended to get a few laughs at the expense of the retiring member.



If you have any items for the roast you can e-mail them to LCdr Greg Gillis at gillis.dj5@forces.gc.ca or call him at 427-2116. He is the unfortunate soul who has been tasked with the responsibility of coordinating this event. If you are comfortable in doing so, you will be asked to stand up and deliver the jab in person. If you are not, the MC will do it for you. Besides AYC members, Barb's co-workers will also be invited, as will the serving staff at Maritime Atlantic (MARLANT), Land Force Atlantic Area (LFAA) and Joint Task Force Atlantic (JTFA), so I'm really hoping that there will be a crowd.

Tax Information Guide: 2007

Date: June 24, 2008

Subject: Provincial Tax on Purchase of Boats and Vessels From Persons Other Than GST/HST Registrants - Section 31B of the Revenue Act

This guide outlines the application of Nova Scotia Sales Tax (NSST) on the private purchase of boats and vessels. For purposes of this Guide, the term boats and vessels means any type of water craft, including those propelled by oars, paddles, sails, engines or other means, and also those with no means of self-propulsion.

Under the Nova Scotia Revenue Act, tax applies to the private purchase of boats and vessels. For the purposes of this tax, a private purchase is where the purchase is not a taxable supply made by a GST/HST registrant.

For more information, copy the following link into your browser:

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/taxcomm/guides/display.asp?numID=2007>

Protecting the Water: How to Handle Organic Waste

Most of us know there are many important reasons to become more environmentally friendly. What some of us don't know about is the damage we do to our own interests by polluting. When we treat the environment poorly, particularly by dumping organic waste, we endanger our own welfare in terms of our health, the economy, and the enjoyment of the water. When we pollute the water through poor boating habits, the pollutants travel through the food chain, reaching us in the fish we eat. Organic wastes, namely sewage, can devastate a marine environment by poisoning shellfish and damaging fish populations, straining our already vulnerable stocks. This contamination results in the closure of thousands of hectares of shellfish beds every year! Sewage creates unpleasant odours on the water, and detracts from the natural beauty of the marine environment by degrading the coast. Boat renters, diving tours, angling tours, and coastal tourism attractions all suffer significant economic losses due to the unfortunate consequences of pollution. It also leads to a decrease in shoreline property value and steals away from your boating pleasure. Finally, one possibly expensive repercussion of pollution is the damage debris and waste can do to boats and marine gear.

Fortunately, by adopting greener practices while out on the water, we can work to avoid all these problems. This summer, with support from the Halifax Port Authority, Clean Nova Scotia's program *Ship to Shore*, will be working with the Armdale Yacht Club to encourage greener boating practices and to help members with waste management. Some important things you can do include making sure your boat has a proper, well-maintained, waste containment system. If your vessel is fitted with a toilet, and weighs over 15 tons, you are required to install a holding tank. Familiarize yourself with pump-out stations available for unloading waste and remember that you can not discharge waste in inland waters. If you are in a designated discharge area, keep in mind that the fecal coliform count of the sewage must be equal to or less than 14/100 milliliters. Having an understanding of boating regulations is key to protecting the environment. More information is available from Transport Canada's Office of Boating Safety at www.tc.gc.ca/en/menu.htm

Taking care of our ocean is everyone's responsibility, whether we use it for work or play. By making some small changes and following Transport Canada's regulations, we can all enjoy the water this summer.

Ship to Shore Program, sponsored by Clean Nova Scotia

The Waterfront Challenge sponsored by Interlux Yacht Paint Company

The Waterfront Challenge is a competition created by Interlux to encourage people who care about their local waterfront, including lakes, rivers, streams and oceans - to improve their local environment.

We are not looking for any donations, simply to get the word out about this great contest. It is open now through November 1, 2008 and any group of people of 3 or more (children are also encouraged to apply) would be eligible. Interlux is looking to award \$5,000 each to 7 groups, and \$25,000 to the first place group. It is free to join and the application is on our website: www.wfchallenge.com.

Please feel free to contact Pamela Sardinha by email: pamelasardinha@gmail.com or call 401-533-4730 (east coast time) with any questions.

We hope to hear from you.

August, 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				McGrath's Cove/South Shore Cruise Aug. 1st -10th	1 McGrath's Cove Weekend Raft-Up	2 McGrath's Cove Weekend Raft-Up
3 McGrath's Cove/South Shore Cruise Weekend Raft-Up	4 Civic Holiday South Shore Cruise	5 Backman's Island	6 Backman's Island South Shore Cruise Wednesday Night Race Series Summer #6 6:30 pm	7 South Shore Cruise	8 South Shore Cruise	9 South Shore Cruise
10 South Shore Cruise	11	12	13	14	15	16 Fisharama Cruise
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Race Commodores Cup #1 1:00pm Also Performance Cup #3
24 Race Commodores Cup #2 1:00 pm Also Performance Cup #4 Commodore's Picnic DJ - 2:00 pm BBQ 3:30 pm	25	26	27 Wednesday Night Race Series Fall #1 6:30pm	28 Thursday Night Race 2nd Series #4 6:30pm Mike Turney Retirement Party 7:00 pm	29 Venetian Night Cruise	30
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