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*"On the Water" by Bill English
Winner of the 2008 AYC Photo Contest*

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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.

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MESSAGE from the BURGEE EDITOR, SADIE HARDIMAN

It doesn't seem possible that a year has already gone by since I started doing the Burgee! This will be my last issue and I'm pleased to hand the position over to Mary Keddy. I'm really looking forward to just sitting back and reading her first issue.

The members on the Communications Committee for 2008 were Dan Caron, John Finney, Mary Keddy, Munden Manuel, Pat Noonan and Andy Rice. As a team, we worked very well together and I feel very fortunate to have had such a supportive team assisting me all year. In fact, we had so much fun we decided we'd work together for another year!

This year we held our first AYC Photo Contest and we chose the photo we felt best captured the spirit of AYC. The winner was Bill English with his photo, "On the Water". Congratulations Captain Bill!

Watch for details of the 2009 AYC Photo Contest and keep those photos coming.

In this issue, I've included photos from the Halloween Party. There were some really good costumes - maybe you'll recognize some of the members.

On New Year's Eve, Leslie Sears, Karen Smith and I were servers on the buffet table and Dave Sears was busy bussing tables. We expected to serve about one hundred people so in order to keep our strength up, we got to eat before the crowd arrived and the food was delicious! In fact, members were coming up to us during the meal wanting to know which restaurant catered the meal. They were surprised to hear that it was cooked by none other than our very own Anna Chow, assisted by Commodore Jim and Anna's cousin, Danny. I hear that Christine Bray and Dave Hickey became very proficient at making eggrolls. The food was excellent and there were many, many compliments to the chef!

I've included some photos from the New Year's Eve dinner and party, taken by Leslie's daughter, Brooke. As you can see from the photos, the decorators made our old club come to life! What a fine job they did - the club looked wonderful!

Thank you for all the positive feedback this year. We couldn't have done it without the articles and reports submitted. Please continue to send them to burgee@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca.

I wish you all good health, happiness and many, many days of good boating weather in 2009.

Sadie Hardiman, Burgee Editor



NEW YEAR'S EVE 2008



MESSAGE from the REAR COMMODORE, JEFF ROWE

I would like to provide a quick update on a couple of initiatives that I have been involved with over the last year.

First, the Marina Power Project is progressing in the new direction as approved by the membership in the September 18, 2008 special club meeting. Instead of carrying out the repair and replacement of the existing marina hardware, including building a number of homemade cabinets, it was decided to buy state of the art, fully integrated power pedestals as seen in many other well provisioned clubs. This new approach was proposed to the membership because these new pedestals could be acquired at a very competitive price (\$785 per unit) which made any "home grown" version unfeasible. Also, the lighthouse style power pedestals would be more reliable, require less maintenance, have greater functionality, and be more aesthetically pleasing than our original approach. Note that the total budget for this initial phase of the work has not changed. It remains at \$16,225 as approved by the membership in the February 2008 Annual Budget Meeting. These pedestals were ordered in early October and should arrive at AYC in early December. Installation will start shortly after that as the weather and available resources permits.

The second update I would like to provide relates to the Capital Project Rules as discussed in the 2008 Annual Budget Meeting. As most will recall, in that meeting the Committee of Management proposed and got approval for a permanent \$100 per member fee increase that would be channeled into a capital projects fund. With current membership levels, that totals approximately \$25,000 per year. This fund would be used exclusively for major infrastructure repairs and upgrades and not for debt reduction or operational expenses. No projects using these funds would proceed without membership approval as was demonstrated by the Marina Power Project. To ensure that these funds would continue to be utilized and managed as intended by subsequent Committees of Management, the membership felt it was necessary to establish basic rules to govern the use of these funds. Over this past year we developed and refined these rules and it was eventually decided to incorporate them into Section XXIII ("Capital Fund") of our existing bylaws since this section already talked about capital project funding. In addition to these rules, there were some other minor changes to the language in this section to accommodate the current initiative. These bylaw changes will be forwarded to the membership for approval by the Rules and Bylaws Committee early next year, along with many other proposed changes.

Lastly, I would like to thank the membership for your support during this past year. I am stepping down as Rear Commodore but I will continue on as Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee and will also continue to be involved in the Marina Power Project to oversee the installation of the new hardware which has been ordered. It has been a very rewarding experience working with the dedicated team of volunteers who have served on this year's COM and I look forward to getting involved once again with club management a year or two down the road.

Jeff Rowe, Rear Commodore

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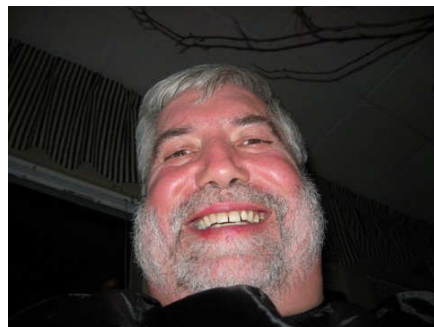
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MESSAGE from the FLEET CAPTAIN CRUISE, LLOYD BLAGDON

The year has passed by rather quickly. Most of the events the Cruise Committee planned were, despite the weather, well attended. From all of the comments I have heard, most boaters were happy with the fun, safety and companionship they enjoyed.

I have attempted to keep all boaters up-to-date as events were planned or rescheduled. This, at times, was on very short notice. Well done to all who participated.

I was impressed with the leadership provided from the Committee of Management. It was a privilege to be on the Committee of Management and to be part of a team that was capable of seeing and airing the future for AYC. The support of the membership toward our needed projects for the future was a success. Let's keep it up.

To the Committee of Management, thank you for your professionalism.

To the membership of AYC, thank you for your support.

To the Cruise Committee for your hard work, due diligence and support, thank you.

To the new Committee of Management, I wish you well. A solid foundation has been established. Let us all work to build on it.

The past provided us with today and today will provide us with the future.

To all members of AYC, their families and friends Susan and I wish you a Happy Holiday, a fun filled and safe 2009 boating season.

"We cannot change the wind but we can adjust our sails."

See you at the club, on the dock or at sea.

Yours Aye, Lloyd Blagdon, Fleet Captain Cruise

The 2008 Recipient of The Pamela Lerch WOW! Memorial Cup: Betty Ann Haliburton

As some of you may know, the WOW! Women On Water fund was set up to raise funds and awareness about sailing in an effort to increase women's participation in the sport across Nova Scotia. This fund was set up in memory of Pamela Lerch who was a member of AYC and who passed away from breast cancer in April 2007.

The Pamela Lerch WOW! Memorial Cup celebrates the nominee who demonstrates outstanding achievement in sailing education, leadership, mentorship and health promotion.

The recipient of the inaugural Pamela Lerch WOW! Memorial Cup goes to a woman who has been an NSYA member for 4 years (as the women's program rep for all 4 years), and as Vice President for the final 3 years.

She was a member of the organizing committee for the CYA Canadian Women's Keelboat Championships, which was held at AYC in 2003, and a member of the Nova Scotia Women's Keelboat Regatta organizing committee and a participant for many years.

In addition, she has for several years organized and coached the AYC Women's Learn to Sail Program which introduces many women to the sport of sailing and helps to improve their skills and confidence. In 2006, when Greg Haverstock, the then Director of Sail Training at Armdale asked her if she would continue to lead the women's program, she indicated that she was "all about promoting sailing for women" and reported that there were some 50 women in the 2006 program. She continues to be instrumental in the program and often takes graduates on her boat to encourage them to stay with it after the course in completed.

It is my great pleasure and honor to present the Pamela Lerch WOW! Memorial Cup award to this year's recipient: Betty Ann Haliburton. Congratulations Betty Ann!

Jacqueline Gahagan, Chair and Founding Member WOW! Women On Water www.womenonwater.ca

MESSAGE from the DIRECTOR, SAIL TRAINING, GREG HAVERSTOCK

Thanks and Best Wishes to Dale Courage for accepting the Director of Sail Training role for 2009. I hope members will continue to give him the support that I've received over the past 2 years. Particular thanks this month to Don Longard and the crew of three volunteers who varnished the interior of the Sail Training Center on November 8th.

Best Wishes to All for Christmas and 2009.

Greg Haverstock, Director Sail Training

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The fleet in Atlantic Canada has virtually doubled in the past 4 years, with (I think) a total of 33, most of which race regularly. We have regattas throughout the summer in Halifax plus an annual 2 day regatta in Shediac that promises (yes, promises) good weather and excellent wind, Chester Race Week, and others that are not difficult to get to. Boats can be purchased for as little as \$5000 for a fully functional boat complete with a trailer and motor. For anyone just starting out, the rest of the fleet will willingly lend a hand by giving you experienced crew for practices and Wednesday night races, as well as give you pointers on how to set up and maintain the boat. There is a lot to learn in sailing, but it's easily done in the J24 fleet, where we have many world class sailors and many generous and thoughtful people. We've set a target of 50 boats within 2 years for our fleet, which means we'll get over 30 at our best regattas. This is completely achievable, and it's what keeps J24 fleet racing the best keelboat sailing in Atlantic Canada. So why wait? Get out and get yourself a boat this winter, while the prices are at rock bottom. Just ask any boat broker where to find one, and you'll probably have 2 or 3 to choose from.

Any questions?

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Hope to see you on the water!



MESSAGE FROM THE FLEET CAPTAIN SAIL, PAUL BEZANSON

The final Keelboat race of the year in Nova Scotia is the Die Hard which is run out of our club. The race was held on October 24th this year. We had the largest turn out ever at 19 boats. The weather was cooperative with pleasant temperatures and light south to west wind. The race itself was marked with large holes in the arm both on the way out and the way in. Competitors that managed to avoid the worst of them obviously did better!

Die Hard Race Results:

1st Climax Nathan Reese
2nd Gersemi Paul Bezanson
3rd Highlander Dan Pride

The Commodore's Ball prize presentations were completed November 24, 2008. Honourable mention goes to Mark MacNeil who guided his boat Kula on a Trans Atlantic voyage via the Caribbean and won the Chrysler trophy for the longest Cruise. Numerous Club members were involved in this undertaking.

I attended the NSYA Rear Commodores' Meeting. It was an interesting meeting where Keel Boat racing around the province was discussed.

It seems some clubs want to charge higher entry fees for regatta's (a minimum of \$20.00 per competitor per race). What was surprising to me is that Chester Race Week claims they lost money and they were charging \$40.00 per race. My personal opinion is if we want to grow and encourage participation we should strive to keep the regatta entry fees low. If any club members have opinions about this, I would like to hear from them.

We also decided to attempt to have a few more offshore races. One would run from Halifax to Chester the weekend before Chester Race Week. Another would run in June from Dartmouth Yacht Club to Cross Island and back.

For the "around the buoy racers", the Metro clubs are considering setting up a competition between clubs, where results from the metro regattas would be tabulated and an overall winner for the season would be tabulated on a Club basis. The details have not been sorted out.

We are planning another meeting in the New Year.

Paul Bezanson, Fleet Captain Sail

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