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THE BURGEE

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AYC
Opening Regatta
May 19, 2008
"The Third Wave"
Winner of
Premier Class
Hal Davies,
RNSYS

Photo taken by
Gordon Edwards,
Rear Admiral
(Retired)

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
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Note: The Kitchen will close one-half hour
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A limited food menu is available outside
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MESSAGE from the BURGEE EDITOR, SADIE HARDIMAN

Although June has finally arrived, our sunny weather is slow to appear. The few sunny days we do get make such a difference in people's moods. Have you noticed how much happier people seem to be when the sun is shining! They smile and have a spring in their step that rainy, overcast days just can't seem to match.

You'll notice I've changed the format a little to allow for better reading online. Most columns now fit on a half page so you won't have to scroll up and down to read the articles.

2008 is the 200th anniversary of some of the original buildings at AYC. Thank you to Ken Bell for his articles about our history. I look forward to receiving any stories and articles at burgee@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca.

Thanks to Gordon Edwards, Rear Admiral (Retired), who has been taking some wonderful photos of some of our racing events. Look for photos in the Photo Gallery on our web site. Dan has done a tremendous job updating the web site and the feedback has been positive.

Watch for info about the AYC Photo Contest in an upcoming eNews! Send your info about upcoming events to Munden at aycnewsletter@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca. If you let members know about events, they'll come! For those who check the web site for upcoming events, just go to **News & Info, Calendar**, and choose the month. You can now access and print off calendars for the whole year.

A huge thank you to all members of the Communications Committee for your time and efforts. I know I'd rather be boating (after the scraping & painting); however, we've accomplished a great deal in the past few months! I couldn't do this without you!

Sadie Hardiman, Burgee Editor

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 email address. **Watch the AYC eNews for a link to the current month's Burgee.** 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 supertime. Send your submissions to:

aycnewsletter@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca

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The Burgee

The Burgee is published on the web site 10 to 12 times annually and is distributed to AYC members and advertisers electronically.

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.

Advertising

Monthly ad rates are as follows:

1/8 page: \$ 35.00

1/4 page: \$ 55.00

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1 page: \$ 175.00

To place an ad, please contact Club Manager, **Christine Bray**, for ad size and format details: office@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca phone the office: **477-4617** or visit our website for details.

MESSAGE from the COMMODORE, JIM MCBURNEY

Another month has passed, boats are being launched and we have initiated the racing season. Everyone connected with running the Club has been busy and progress is being made.

The Club finances are in excellent shape, the bills are paid and we still have a bit in the bank. We have been that way since February when the membership voted for some tough measures.

I have heard comments that we in the Committee of Management have been focusing on financial administration and that we have been rather hard-nosed in the application of the Rules. That is an accurate observation, and I must shoulder the responsibility. I believe that fiscal discipline is the cornerstone of good management and further that the rules of an organization must be applied equally to all members.

Since the last Burgee, a number of projects have advanced. Soon you will be able to go to a "Members Only" section of our web site, use your password and view the Minutes of the COM meetings, our Project Tracking Spreadsheet and other documents that you might like to pursue to keep up-to-date with Club business.

You will have access to a reduced rate for hauling and washing your boat bottom. For sail boaters, a clean bottom means

increased speed and for power boaters, improved fuel economy. The COM approved a rate of \$0.30 per square foot for a haul and pressure wash on the trolley or a rate of \$0.50 per square foot if you have to be hauled into the yard for more extensive work. There is a \$75.00 minimum that is applied to a trolley wash and \$100.00 for a yard trip in order to take into account the work that will have to be done by the yard crew. All former rules for a haul out still apply.

We have a new member of the COM. We lost our Entertainment Chair for personal reasons and **Dave Sears** has stepped up and volunteered his services in that capacity. His appointment was confirmed at the 12 May meeting of the COM.

That "Bastion of Heraldry" (be careful how you say that in public), Norm Raines, has been designated as the "Custodian of Trophies". This is special recognition for his relentless effort in maintaining and restoring our trophies, pictures and other memorabilia.

In the future, we will be looking at doing a survey of our marine railway and start to do some preparation work of the upper yard to stabilize the base. The long term use for that area is a storage area for boats that are stored on trailers.

The marine railway is thought to be reaching the limit of its serviceable life; a replacement project for that equipment will likely be the highest priority project in the Strategic Plan.

We will also be starting an in-house project to clean up the tender storage area. The Yard Crew is going to build some new racks after consulting with our Sail Training Team.

You will notice new signs stating that dogs in the yard must be kept on a leash. Owners are also required to clean up after their pets. This is necessary to protect members from animals running loose and cleaning up is just a matter of courtesy.

The Opening Regatta was a resounding success. The food, the service and the entertainment were all outstanding. Some even enjoyed the racing in downright wicked weather and that has to be considered as outstanding dedication to a sport! To all of those that made it happen from those of us who enjoyed the weekend so much: Well Done!

I hope to see you all at the Club and on the water, often!

If you have comments or concerns, my ears are always open.

Jim McBurney, Commodore

MESSAGE from the CLUB MANAGER, CHRISTINE BRAY

We need to clean up our tender storage area!

We ask all members to clearly identify their tenders stored at AYC with their AYC number. Use your AYC sticker or paint your number on your vessel. All tenders not identified by June 30th will be moved and/or disposed of, in order to make room for tender storage.

We have an **expanded tender docking area** for member use at marina H, near the sailing school. This new area is available for use by our Senior members who use a mooring during the summer season at AYC. We hope that this makes in-water tender storage a little easier!

It's a busy time of year here at AYC. Things are very busy in the yard and in the office, so it may take a little longer than normal to return calls and emails. The AYC staff and management do their best to provide top-notch service to members as quickly as we can. We thank you for your understanding at this busy time of year!

Thanks to all those boating members who have submitted the required **launch /haul documentation** in advance of their launches and hauls. It makes the work load so much lighter here in the office! If you have not yet submitted your documentation, the following are required: proof of insurance, a completed **haul/launch waiver and request form** and a completed **member update form**. The two forms are available on our web site www.armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca. On the upper left had side of the home page there is a button called member docs & forms. You can download the forms, complete them, and either fax or email them to the office directly.

Social and Outport members are required only to submit the member update form.

Armdale Yacht Club will be getting a **new civic address** in about two weeks time. HRM will be assigning a new address and numbers to all of the buildings on the property in accordance with the 911 emergency response program. Our mailing address: PO Box 22105 RPO, Bayers Road, Halifax, NS, B3L 4T7, will remain the same. We will notify you in the eNews when the renaming has been implemented.

We are **always looking for volunteers** to assist with various projects throughout the year. If you have some time to spare and would like to help support your club, contact the office to register.

Christine Bray, Club Manager

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:

Jeffrey Costwell	Senior	Jeffrey owns a 24 foot Zodiac
Helen Ormiston	Social	Helen lives in Halifax and is a business owner
Colin Mathieson	Senior	Colin is a geophysicist and owns a Fantail Steamlaunch
Aaron Jesso	Senior	Aaron lives in Williamswood and owns a Doral Cavalier called "Freakshow"
Mitch Whalen	Senior	Mitch lives in Truro and owns a Doral 24
Kirk Arseneault	Senior	Kirk is a business owner and owns a Sea Sprite
Chris Payne	Senior	Chris works for the Province and owns a Maxum 2900SE
James Bentley	Senior	James is a physician and owns "Fuzzy Logic", a Beneteau 32.5
Ez Valliquette	Social	Ez lives in Herring Cove and works at Eastlink
Patrice St.-Pierre	Social	Patrice lives in Halifax and is an engineering consultant
Jack Barnes	Social	Jack lives close by in Regatta Point
Peter Hutchins	Social	Peter is an engineer with a keen interest in boating

A big welcome to all the new members!

New Civic Address

We were approached by the Municipality to pick a name for the street that the club is on. We were no longer allowed to use the Purcell's Cove Road address.

It was difficult to get something nautical as well as different from all the other addresses in HRM.

After a lot of going back and forth as they checked suggestions we have been given preliminary approval for "Burgeon Run".

This will make for a safer worksite and grounds in general because each building on the grounds will be given a unique number. In the event of an incident, paramedics or the fire department will be able to come directly to that particular address.

Keep a sharp eye peeled for the new street sign!

I would be pleased to discuss any of these matters with you.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE REAR COMMODORE, JEFF ROWE

The racing season is off to a cold and wet start but that's spring in Nova Scotia I guess. Thank you to all the participants who braved the elements to make the Icebreaker Race a great success. Also, I would like to extend my gratitude to all those who volunteered for this year's race committee. Your contributions will greatly ease the burden for our Fleet Captain Sail.

Moving on to projects related news, I would like to give you a brief update on a couple of initiatives kicked off in the February Annual Budget Meeting. Firstly, the Capital Project Rules which were briefly outlined in that meeting, have been expanded to include other aspects of strategic planning and capital project management. These rules, together with the bylaws in Section XXIII of our bylaws document, will provide an operational framework for capital projects to ensure that future Committees of Management will manage capital projects and the Capital Reserve Fund in the way it was intended. The COM has worked through several versions of the Capital Project Rules and it should be ready for approval by the general membership in early June.

The second initiative discussed and approved in the ABM was the Marina Power Project. This is our first capital project using the new planning and approval process and it will be financed with the Capital Reserve Fund. As I mentioned in my last message, the Capital Reserve Fund is the same fund that we originally referred to as the Capital Project Fund. It was changed to be consistent with the language already existing in our bylaws. Going forward, each capital project will be assigned a Project Manager who will be responsible for managing all the technical and financial aspects of the project. I am the project manager for the marina power project but subsequent projects may be managed by another member of the COM or even a senior member outside of the COM who is qualified and interested. Project managers will always work closely with yard staff, other COM members who have responsibilities in that area, and even non-committee members who have an interest in a particular project.

The marina power project is progressing as planned and once the yard crew gets past the spring rush, we will start replacing some

of the installations which are badly in need of repair. Just as a reminder, the approval which was given in the ABM was just for Phase I of the project which has an estimated cost of about \$13,000. With those funds, we plan to replace some of the electrical components on the marinas which are near the end of their useful life. Repairs will also be made to the support structures at that time.

Another part of the Phase I project is to build five prototype cabinets to house the electrical components. It is hoped that these cabinets will be an effective but cheaper alternative to commercial off-the-shelf power pedestals which cost in the \$1200 to \$1500 range. If Phase I of this project is successful, a proposal will likely be tabled in the next AGM for additional installations. Once we start the installations, I welcome feedback at any time on the work being done. I will keep you apprised as this project progresses. Thank you for your support on this and other COM initiatives.

Jeff Rowe, Rear Commodore

AYC PHOTO CONTEST

Watch the AYC eNews and look for the poster at the Club. We want your photos!

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

for Racers

June 10th at 7:00 p.m.

At

AYC Club House

Special Meeting for Racers at AYC to discuss the NSYA Handicap Committee's intention to switch the handicapping system in Nova Scotia to PHRF - the handicapping system used in the rest of North America, from ASPN - our own homegrown system, that we have used for the last 40 years.

How will it affect racing at AYC ?

How will it affect AYC boats when we race in open regattas at other clubs?

All interested racers should attend.

Paul Bezanson, Fleet Captain Sail



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A little more about Melville Island by Ken Bell

According to the records of the Military Lands Board of 1915, the lands at the head of the North West Arm were transferred by the War Department and the Admiralty jointly on the 9th of September, 1907, to Charles Longley. The Admiralty part was no longer required for Military purposes by the Department of Militia and Defense. The area was wasteland then. Much of it was sold for summer cottages. The Island and a small portion on the mainland were kept for a Detention Barrack. Around 1885, the existing cellblock was constructed as well as a new warden's residence. During this same time, the red brick building at Royal Artillery Park was erected. This red brick structure was located on the site of our present cradle yard. The residence consisted of quarters for the warden, his two assistants and their three families. This building was still standing when AYC took over the Island. In 1907, in addition to the warden's quarters, there were the present 34 cells for prisoners, a barrack accommodation for one warrant officer, 4 non-commissioned officers and 100 men. The old wooden cellblock was still standing. It continued to stand until it was destroyed by fire in 1935.

During WW1, the prison housed about 850 German and Austro-Hungarian Nationals before they were deported from Canada. Some of the prisoners were transferred to the Citadel and others to the Old Malleable Iron Foundry in Amherst. Other buildings were the Fire Shed, Storage Shed (our current Spar Shed), Gym (our present work shop), the cookhouse (our current electrical and compressor shed) and the Chapel. My memory tells me there was another building just south of the cookhouse.

The Chapel building was used for years as a boat building shed. Many yachts were built by AYC members. Two of these yachts, "Melville Island" and "Apocalypse 11", built and designed by David Sadler and François and Andrew Tibbitts, respectively, won the Prince of Wales Trophy, the region's most prestigious trophy. Eight Roué 20's were also built in the Chapel as well as several other yachts. At the foot of the hill of the clubhouse entrance was the pump house which is still standing, a small office building and a delousing house. Perhaps some of our older members could add or correct any of the information I have compiled.

I would like to thank Jeanne Howell, of Cambridge Library for her help in this research.

P.S. Our web site has more history on the Island.

MESSAGE FROM THE FLEET CAPTAIN CRUISE, LLOYD BLAGDON

How quick the season for boating arrives. I wonder if anybody informed the weather person that we need good weather to get our boats ready???

As was published on the Cruise Web Site, we have events planned for the summer. All are weather permitting. Watch the notice board, CruzNooz and Burgee for upcoming events.

Now that winter storage is over, let us make sure we are ready for the water by being safe, knowledgeable and prepared. Take a few short cruises to ensure your boat is doing what you want it to do, not what she thinks she should do. Ensure compass check, navigation lights, supplies and the comfortable amenities you like are all in order.

"The Journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step."

See you at the Club, on the dock, and at sea.

Yours, Aye

Lloyd Blagdon, Fleet Captain Cruise



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MESSAGE FROM THE FLEET CAPTAIN SAIL, PAUL BEZANSON

We have formed a race committee this year consisting of Greg Baker, Norma Houston, Carl Baker, Tony Cook, Norman Schneiderman and Myself. We discussed changes for this year and the Evening Course Card was updated again - check the web site.

We also changed the number of races that have to run to constitute a Wednesday night series from 3 to 4 to make it virtually impossible for one boat to win both series. The web site has been updated with the new racing schedule being published and officers of the day assigned for each race as well as the sailing instructions for each event. We still have a few vacancies for officers of the day. If anyone wants to volunteer for officer of the day, check the web site for vacancies and let me know. I will also post the Schedule with officers of the day for each race in the clubhouse.

The first race of the year, the Icebreaker, was run May 10th. Considering it was a wet, cold and windy day, there was a good turn out of 10 boats. There were a few incidents before and during the race. Before the race, one boat, "Mayhem", managed to get a mooring line tangled around its prop which he ultimately freed with a knife. "Mayhem" then collided with "Highlander" before the start of the race; however, no protest flags were flown. Another boat, "Bad Daddy", ran into a rock on the west side of the Arm early in the first leg of the race. That boat ultimately dropped out. Once the boats made it out of the Arm, the race turned into a high speed reaching course. "Climax" owned by Nathan Reese, the new one design 35 to the area, was making speeds of 11 knots on the course. On the final run/reach up the Arm, crew members on various boats started to suffer from hypothermia. It truly was a real Icebreaker.

Final results, 2008 Icebreaker, based on corrected time:

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

Armdale Yacht Club Opening Regatta Results

Premier Class

- 1st "The Third Wave" – Hal Davies – RNSYS
- 2nd "Climax" – Nathan Reese – DYC
- 3rd "Festivus" – Mark Holden – AYC

Class A

- 1st "Gersemi" – Paul Bezanson – AYC
- 2nd "Windspirit" – George Carson – SYC
- 3rd "Foxfire" – Jason Walker - RNSYS

Class B

- 1st "Bad Daddy" – Scott Lorette – RNSYS
- 2nd "Heatwave" – Greg Baker - AYC
- 3rd "Freya" – Doug Caldwell – RNSYS

Overall Winner

"Bad Daddy" – Scott Lorette – RNSYS

The AYC Opening Regatta was run on the Victoria Day weekend. Nineteen boats, split into 3 classes, registered for the event representing all metro clubs.

Saturday was a miserable, cold day. It rained from start to finish. The boats persevered though and most completed the course.

Sunday was a much better day with sunny skies and reasonable wind. It was an enjoyable day to be on the water.

Monday was a mixed bag of weather. It rained for the first hour with little wind. The rain stopped and large areas with little wind developed in the Arm. It took about 2 hours for all the boats to clear the Arm. Once the boats cleared the Arm, the wind filled in from the South West and the day ended up with blue skies and sun.

Despite the mixed bag of weather, most sailors seemed pleased with the event and no complaints about the racing, entertainment or food were received.

Our title sponsor for the Opening Regatta was The Binnacle.

Secondary sponsors were: Doyle Sails, Connors Diving, DRH Canvas and Marine Limited, Fairley and Stevens Ford.

A big thank you to all our sponsors.



A Class
Paul Bezanson on
"Gersemi" - AYC



B Class & Overall Winner
Scott Lorette on
"Bad Daddy" - RNSYS

Premier Class
Hal Davies on
"The Third Wave" - RNSYS



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR, SAIL TRAINING, GREG HAVERSTOCK

Just a reminder that there's still time to register for this season's sail training programs:

Women's Keelboat: week of June 23rd to 28th

Youth Co-ed: One and Two week Programs, commencing June 26

Adult Co-ed: Evening Programs, commencing July 3rd
(using Soling Keelboats and 420 dinghies)

Junior Women: Daytime Program
Aug. 11th to 22nd

For more details: contact the office:
office@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca
or 477-4617

Our returning sailing instructors, Nik Himmelman and Chelsea Ann Davidson, will be joined this year by Alex Simpson. Alex is the current North American Byte Class Champion and looks forward to joining Nik and Chelsea Ann in conveying their skills and enthusiasm for sailing to all program participants.

See you on the water.

Greg Haverstock, Director Sail Training



2008 SAILING PROGRAMS Youth and Adults

Youth Learn to Sail - Weekly Programs Starting June 26 - August 18

On the water and hands on...everything, all about basic boat handling, sail trim, safety maneuvers and equipment, meet new friends, fun around the water.

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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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.

A.E. Electra (Nova Scotia) Productions Inc.
640 Francklyn Street
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June 3, 2008

A.E. Electra (Nova Scotia) Productions Inc. will be filming sequences for the feature movie AMELIA, the Amelia Earhart story in and around the North West Arm, specifically at the St. Mary's Boat Club, the surrounding area and at the mouth of the Arm off Point Pleasant Park on Thursday, June 19, 2008.

Most of the filming we have to accomplish will be tightly shot next to a mock up plane that we will be assembling and towing into place at a jetty in front of the club the day or evening before. This will be towed around the head of Point Pleasant Park; the day before (Wednesday, June 18) we will be filming in the main harbour area in front of the new NSCC Waterfront Campus.

Our list to accomplish in the Arm is as follows: 1. We will be filming in front of the Boat Club tightly to the plane and jetty. 2. We will be filming the mock being towed as if it is taking off to see some wake action (it actually is not operational). 3. We will be filming a real Cessna taking off and landing at the mouth of The Arm off Point Pleasant Park to match the mock up from a distance. 4. At certain points of filming, we will be looking in both directions of the Arm.

As this is a period setting, we are requesting some cooperation from the membership/boat owners of the Armdale Yacht Club and the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron, the Waegwoltic Club and St. Mary' Boat Club and Rowing Club as well as privately owned moorings and wharves along the Arm. During the day of filming, we will be hiring assistance from the HRM Police Department (Marine) and our own Marine Coordinator to help us police the immediate area while doing film takes. This simply means regular boating activity will be requested to avoid our immediate set areas. Also, we request the permission to camouflage or temporarily sink any orange bladder moorings that may be immediately obtrusive to our period set. There may be a few modern boats/yachts that we may need to request moving temporarily (for the day).

All or any requests that involve time on any owner's behalf or expense related to our activity will be compensated appropriately. Note: we are also looking for period boats/yachts that are of the 1920s/1930s vintage to rent for our setting in the Arm.

We understand that this is an unusual request, but this is a very important historical project for us and so on behalf of the cast and crew of AMELIA, we thank you for your understanding and any cooperation we may request. We would appreciate calls from anyone who currently moors near St. Mary's Boat Club. For further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us at the cell numbers listed below.

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Annual Marina-H
Get-To-know-Your-Marina-Neighbor
Saturday, 12 July 2008

Come out and get to know your neighbours and meet new friends.

Enjoy a barbeque, mingle with your neighbours, meet new friends, then dance the night away in the Sail Training Building.

More details to follow in AYC eNews and July Burgee.

Barrie MacLeod, Skye Boat



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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

**** 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!

**PLEASE REMEMBER
TO SCOOP YOUR
DOG'S POOP!**

Stepping in it really doesn't bring good luck, just dirty shoes and groans of disgust! Yech!

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1	2	3	4 Spring Wed. Night Series (6:30 pm) (3 of 6)	5 1st Series Race (6:30 pm) (1 of 6)	6	7
8	9 COM Meeting 7 pm	10 Special Meeting for Racers 7 pm	11 Spring Wed. Night Series (6:30 pm) (4 of 6)	12 1st Series Race (6:30 pm) (2 of 6)	13 RAFT UP DINGLE	14 RAFT UP DINGLE Chinese/ Asian Fair Buffet 6 - 8:30 pm
15 RAFT UP DINGLE	16	17	18 Spring Wed. Night Series (6:30 pm) (5 of 6)	19 1st Series Race (6:30 pm) (3 of 6)	20	21
22	23 Women's Keelboat	24 Women's Keelboat	25 Spring Wed. Night Series (6:30 pm) (6 of 6)	26 Youth Learn to Sail Begins Women's Keelboat 1st Series Race (6:30 pm) (4 of 6)	27 Women's Keelboat	28 Women's Keelboat
29	30					