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ARMDALE YACHT CLUB'S NEWSLETTER



THE AYC OPENING REGATTA WAS HELD ON THE LONG WEEKEND IN MAY AND ONCE AGAIN
OPENING REGATTA WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

Photos by Lisa & Pat Noonan

By: Roy Cheverie Rear Commodore

I would like to thank Herring cove Marine for being the sponsor of our Ice Breaker race. A record eighteen boats took part. The following week-end twenty five yachts registered for our most successful Opening Regatta. A special thank you goes to Keith's Beer, The Binnacle and Victory Sails for sponsoring the Opening Regatta.



The Opening Regatta was a success thanks to the efforts of the following: Karen Smith, Guy Harrison, Norm Raines, Dave Hickey (fleet captain sail), Munden Manuel, Lloyd Blagden, Eric & Ellen Hayes, Norman Schneiderman (Fleet Captain Sail), Grant Kennedy and his entertainment committee.



The soloing one-metre radio controlled fleet held a demonstration race on Monday of the opening regatta. Those who participated were: Danny Borgel (president of the one-metre soloing fleet), Jim Goodard and Gary Bugden. Later in June Jim Goodard will be participating in the Eastern North American one-metre soloing regatta in Toronto. Pictures >>>>>>



A final thank you goes to all the skippers and their crews for coming and making the Ice Breaker and our Opening Regatta such a success.

The reading room books are ready for use. We want you to enjoy the books but please do not remove the books from the upper board room.



I wish everyone a safe and wonderful summer boating season and when my boat is repaired I hope to join you all in the fun.

Roy.

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The Third Wave Crew... Photos: Gregg



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THE BURGEE EDITOR: The ICE BREAKER was great but this year's OPENER was even better. The food, the music, the dancing, and the racing was once again, a huge success due to many volunteers, club management and of course the AYC members and their guests. Thanks to all concerned and let's continue to make this year the best one yet. The TALL SHIPS are coming the end of July and the excitement continues to build as the opportunity to get aboard and see these magnificent vessels fast approaches. The hotels are booked solid, the mooring fields are booked at every club in the area for that precious space to tie up, to be at Halifax for one of this year's great events. The cruise ships continue to arrive and the visitors keep pouring into the best kept secret in the world. The Halifax Regional Municipality continues to foster the sport of boating. Power or sail, it does not matter. We who live here take it for granted but every visitor that I meet always says, "I want to live here". No wonder our city is growing so quickly. Remember, visitors should feel welcome to our city, so please do your part to make sure that happens. Say hello, be helpful and best of all be a good AYC representative.

GO GREEN GO SAILING

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Gregg on Lightning Photo by Lisa Noonan - AYC OPENER

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YARD CHAIRMAN REPORT June-July/04

As most of the boats are now in the water, the Yard Committee will be conducting a general clean up around the cradles. Members are to put what they want kept on their cradles, as everything else will be removed as garbage.

I would like to remind people that the Hurricane Season has officially started and would like to recommend that members make plans to secure your boats in case of a storm. Below are some suggestions:

- > remove all sails, dodgers and enclosures to reduce windage
- > have extra dock lines available
- > have extra bridles for moorings, as well as to be able to lengthen for tidal surge

The Yard Staff will be working very hard to catch up on the repairs to marinas and other services now that most boats have been launched.

Sure hope that the Summer will be better than this Spring.

Norman Raine, Yard Chair

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Last month's Question? What's a Sandbagger?

Answer: The SANDBAGGER was a class of racing YACHT which originated in America around 1850 and became popular in New England waters until the 1860s, although the class persisted in Sydney, Australia until the 1960s. The boat had a huge sail plan and, and being very shallow, used sandbags as movable ballast to trim the boat on each tack. We had five correct responses. The winner this month is Barrie MacLeod. You can pick up your prize at the AYC Office.

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This month's question. What is a **SCRANLOCKER?**

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FLEET CAPTAIN SAIL'S REPORT

Well, racing has begun in earnest! The Ice Breaker may not have broken any ice but may well have broken something, a record for attendance. 15 Yachts! Great day. The weather gods smiled on us that day (notwithstanding all their frowns since). Even at the start we were expecting showers, large winds generally the sort of day when crew have to look at each other and remind themselves "this is fun, we are having fun, really, I like sailing.... I think...". But after the start, the sunscreen came out, the winds mellowed and a beautiful day on the water commenced. A big thanks to Herring Cove Marine for their sponsorship that contributed to this event. Check out the results for this and other races that have occurred since in the results section.

Then the Opening Regatta. Lobster, dancing, hip of beef, more dancing, drinking, more food, more fun, what more could you have wanted. Well, wind for a start. The wind gods frowned with light air races day one, no air non-race day two and lighter air sort of race day three. We did get 25 boats and started 4 fleets even though the two larger yacht fleets were a little lean on attendance. The lack of exuberant sailing didn't mean lack of exuberant participation and there were many exciting moments on the race course. Fleets inverting, some course shortened on the water, and always, the Northwest Arm adding a bit of intrigue and it's own hand in deciding who finished where in which race.

Overall, a great weekend and a great way to kick off the year. Thanks to the Entertainment Committee and the Yard Committee for helping to make this a great event and of course a large thanks to the Race Committee volunteers who helped make the races happen. Then the sponsors, we could not have done it without the help and contributions of Keith's Beer (next time you see the Beer Ferry, make sure you shout a large thanks to Peter Oland), The Binnacle and Victory Sails. Oh I wanted to win one of those neat sail bags but the wind gods and even with the great job Victory did on my spinnaker repair deemed it not so. Next Year!

Wednesday Nights have started with two races of the Spring Series completed as I write this. Some familiar names already starting to dominate but it is early and anything can and probably will happen. It is racing in the Arm remember.

Finally, watch out for the coming events in June, July and August. Highlights are on page 8 of this issue.

And of course, don't forget the Wednesday Night Series. Prizes after every event. Fun at every event and between. Come join us on the water or have a beer and a meal on the deck and watch the fun.

Norman Schneiderman

Women's racing at AYC and in the HRM is becoming the Thursday activity to watch. I received some great photos of past events in 2003 from David Ciochetto and wish to share some of them with you in this issue. More will be posted on the AYC website in the near future. Gregg





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Wednesday Spring Series
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 2nd Genevieve, Tony Cook
 1st Rhumble, Norm Schneiderman
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NEW MEMBER'S MEET & GREET
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 Sunday:..... 10:00 AM > 2:00 PM (BRUNCH)

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SUMMER HOURS EFFECTIVE APRIL 01, TO OCTOBER 15

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Source:

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FLEET CAPTAIN CRUISE REPORT

The Crews Nooze Bulletin



Dear Members:

The season is finally upon us and the cruise committee is in full swing. The Ice Breaker raft-up at Wreck Cove was a fun time with 6 Boats on Friday & 9 boats on Sat.

The next cruise is to Rogues Roost July 1-4. We are hoping to maybe go to the Shore Club for Sat night of that weekend, weather allowing.

The notice boards are up at every entrance to the marinas and at the gas dock. We will try to weekly update the notices as often as possible. This summer is also the start of fund raising for the Metro Food Bank, during the months that are most forgotten. This will be a big event and more information will be posted. The new information board will be completed this week and again updated as required.

Looking forward to seeing you on the water and have a safe and fun summer on the water!

Respectfully,

Dave Hickey FCC

Rogues Roost	July 1
Hubbards Shore Club	July 3
Tall Ships weekend Raft-Up	July 30-Aug.2
South Shore Cruise Dep.	Aug 6
South Shore Cruise return	Aug 15
AYC Fishing Rodeo	Aug.28
Ayc Poker Run	Sept.11
Thanksgiving Raft-up	Oct.8-11

There will be many spur of the moment cruises, so watch your Crewsnooze boards for weekly up-dates. See you on the water.

Respectfully, Dave Hickey



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MORGAN SHOW - A QUICK LOOK BACK

The participants in the Morgan Show were:

- Cathy Brown (painting)
- Cathy McKelvey (photography)
- Bev Richards (glass jewelry and tree ornaments)
- Jan Tremaine (stained glass)
- Christa Waugh (painting) and
- JB brought two paintings by Lynn. Thanks to all. Karen Smith



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2004

JUNE

SAT	26	SYC OPENING REGATTA
SUN	27	SYC OPENING REGATTA
WED	30	AYC SPRING SERIES RACE # 6 START @ 6:30 PM
THU	<u>JUL</u> 1	WOMEN'S RACE # 2 START @ 6:30 PM
THU	1	CFSA Area Sailpast SYC
THR	1	RNSYS Canada Day Regatta
SAT	3	AYC SAT RACE #1 PC# 2
SAT	3	WOMEN'S KEELBOAT REGATTA - AYC OR RNSYS
SUN	4	WOMEN'S KEELBOAT REGATTA - AYC OR RNSYS
WED	7	AYC SUMMER SERIES #1 START @ 6:30 PM & <u>NEW MEMBERS MEET & GREET</u>
THU	8	AYC WOMEN'S RACE #3 START @ 6:30 PM
SAT	10	AYC SAT RACE # 2
SAT	10	ARK REGATTA BBYC
SUN	11	ARK REGATTA BBYC
WED	14	AYC SUMMER SERIES #2 START @ 6:30 PM
THU	15	AYC WOMEN'S RACE # 4 START @ 6:30 PM
SAT	17	AYC SAT RACE # 3
SUN	18	SOLO SERIES # 2
WED	21	AYC SUMMER SERIES #3 START @ 6:30 PM
THU	22	WOMEN'S RACE #5 START @ 6:30 PM
SAT	24	AYC SATURDAY SERIES # 4 (TWO HANDED)
WED	28	AYC SUMMER SERIES # 4 START @ 6:30 PM
THU	29	WOMEN'S RACE # 6 START @ 6.30 PM
FRI-SAT-SUN	30-1	METRO AREA REGATTA (RNSYS)

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MON	2	PARADE OF SAIL TALL SHIPS
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"Armdale Wildlife" by: Al Chaddock

Hi folks, I thought you might like to know a little more about the "wildlife" of our dear yacht club. Although that which you can observe any time in the upper ward room is usually friendly and entertaining—and which seems to have a great attraction to glass objects and mahogany—I'm referring to what we can less often observe outside our club house. Whenever you notice the sea gulls making a big fuss and forming a tight flock in the air I suggest you look a bit further up and you'll see why. A pair of bald eagles regularly visit us around noon time looking for an unsuspecting free lunch—usually a herring gull or a black duck, of which we have too many. A few AGM's ago I moved we declare the eagles lifetime members, and no one objected. The eagles nest near BBYC, but the whole harbour is their territory. Smaller cousins of theirs -the osprey- are our official provincial bird, and they return from Florida every spring following the fish migrations. They especially like mackerel, and prefer to nest along the Park side of the Arm. All winter as long as the water is open we can enjoy the company of common loons who come to the sea coast when the lakes freeze. Their plumage is greyer and less remarkable at this time, but their haunting calls are just as beautiful. Lesser cormorants can usually be found resting on our moorings and masts in summer, and I'd really like someone to tell the eagles about them! Crows and sometimes the bigger -and faster- Ravens are with us all year, with one really big Raven nesting in our yard every winter! And last but not least in early spring the song sparrows and house finches take up their residence in our garden which John Waldron and his wife made by our front door when he was Commodore. As for the furrer characters -excluding those of us sporting beards lately- one can often get a laugh out the antics of the local otter family. They have a burrow over in the earthen bank by the Greek church, but they love sunning on our marinas while they devour the last of the lobster family! Oh well, I guess someone would complain if they came up to our dinning room for the daily special! The otters also have smaller cousins called mink, who love to build homes in the styrofoam under our marinas; get into our boats and take command; leave far too much shell and excrement every where; and whose fur has long been known to make good fur coats for sailor's wives! We also have far too many beautiful birds called pigeons, who like to take command of our yachts as well and turn them into nesting boxes. I prefer to call them by their proper name which is ROCK doves. In the water—which from the rotary down to the tower is the cleanest part of the harbour—we can find herring, mackerel, pollack, shiners and yes sometimes sharks, usually blue sharks which don't bother humans. We also have rock crabs, lobsters, and a strange kind of transparent squid found mostly around power boats! Oh well, I am talking about wildlife, am I not?

Editors note: sorry about the small font, but this is a big article.....Thanks Al for a very interesting article.