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ARMDALE YACHT CLUB'S NEWSLETTER



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## Commodore's Report - Dennis Harding

**Happy New Year** everyone and welcome to 2005!!!!. I hope one and all had a good holiday season. I would like to take this opportunity to extend best wishes from my family to you and your family for the upcoming New Year. First I would like to thank the membership for giving me the opportunity to serve as Commodore for 2005. Second I would like to thank and congratulate the Committee of Management (COM) for 2004 on a very successful and productive year. They lead and safely navigated the club through some rough waters throughout 2004.

It is very hard this time of year when the wind chill is - 20 deg C to get people thinking about boating. The main topic on most people's minds this time of year is how to stay warm and migrating to a more tropical climate. But it is mid January and before we know it the yard staff will be preparing for the first launch of the season.

I believe that we have been provided with good and competent COM for 2005. The members of the 2005 COM have a lot of experience in other positions on the COM and sub-committees. The committee chairs are presently looking for members to serve on the various sub-committees. If you are a new member this is an excellent opportunity to get involved in club activities. You do not need any special skills or abilities just the willingness to help and serve your club. The sub-committees are an excellent stepping-stone for those members who may wish to serve on future COM or for those members who just wish to help out from time to time.

The COM has started off 2005 running by commencing our annual two-week maintenance period on the Club House. All of our committee chairs are busy establishing their individual budgets for the upcoming year. This will include expenses for normal day-to-day operations and also any projects planned for 2005. We wish to have the budget established quickly so we can have the budget meeting early in Feb. for approval by the membership. This will allow COM to get on with the business of running the AYC.

Sweet Apple Catering is ceasing their catering operations at AYC as of 31st March 2005. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the membership and employees to wish them all the best in their future endeavors. A committee has been formed to find a new caterer and we are presently accepting any expressions of interest for the catering position at AYC. All letters of intention are to be delivered to AYC office attn: "**Catering Committee**"

If anyone has a concern, suggestion or observation please feel free to put pen to paper ( and drop it off in my mail slot at the Club Office *or email: [dennisharding@eastlink.ca](mailto:dennisharding@eastlink.ca)* The COM will discuss and respond to all written correspondence. AYC has a lot of exciting activities and projects planned for 2005, so get out, get involved, volunteer, meet your fellow members new and old, support your committee of management and sub committees where you can.

Happy New Year. See you around the club. **Dennis Harding**



### Committee of Management 2005

#### FLAG OFFICERS

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#### AYC Management

General Manager: **Kristine Jagoe**  
477-4617

Club Steward: **Sharon Lloyd**  
477-7650

AYC Caterer: **Sharon, Stan Lloyd**  
477-7650

#### Boat Yard Staff

Yard Foreman: **Wade Henneberry**  
477-4153

Yard Staff: **Ed Burke, Jim Harris,  
Jared Saulnier**  
477-4153

**THE BURGEE EDITOR: Happy New Year!**  
**2005** is here and already, I am getting excited about the upcoming Halifax International Boat Show which will be held February 17 - 20 at the Halifax Exhibition Park. Then just when you catch your breath from that one, the 4th Annual AYC Dry Cruise is scheduled for February 25-27 at the Oak Island Marina. Book early, details at the club and on the AYC website. Fleet Captain Cruise, David Hickey has a great weekend planned, not to mention that the theme is a Murder Mystery Weekend. There is plenty to do, so come out and get involved with your mates at the AYC.

Best regards,  
Gregg Flynn (902) 430-3148 Lightning - Hboat  
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#### BURGEE INFORMATION

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Advertising: Please contact our General Manager, Kristine Jagoe (902) 477-4617 for rates and details or the Editor Gregg Flynn (902) 430-3148.

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Monday to Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm



**Director Sail Training - Randy Stevens**

Now that spring is approaching, the Sail Training Committee will start planning for the upcoming season. I look forward to working with members at AYC and with the Committee of Management in 2005.

This year's program will include an all Women's Sail Training Program, suited for the novice to the expert sailor. The five evening program is to include, man-overboard, basic seamanship etc. We anticipate 40 students will participate in this program (tentatively) scheduled for June 20, 2005. THIS PROGRAM WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

In addition, a Power and Sail Basic Boating Course (BBC) for Women is scheduled. The course will include, navigation, basic VHF, line handling, fender placement, and anchor handling. We anticipate that the BBC will be five evenings and will commence the first week of June.

Your comments or suggestions are welcome.

Please contact Director Sail Training, Randy Stevens at 455-4144 (office) 453-2288 (home) or contact the AYC Office at 477- 4617.

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### Rear Commodore - Betty Ann Haliburton

The Nova Scotia Yachting Association (**NSYA**) website contains lots of information on topics such as courses offered at various locations (Yacht Clubs) around the province, funding opportunities for yacht clubs and sailing schools, and general interest stories such as the Mahone Island Conservation Association's efforts to return some of the local islands to public ownership. You can access this by going to the website <http://www.nsyans.ca> and click on Newsletter. You can also access the NSYA site from the AYC .....racing page.

Also, there will be a CYA Women In Wind presentation with Lisa Ross (from Lunenburg) who, with Deirdre Crampton, was Canada's sole Olympic competitors in the Yngling class. This will take place at AYC on Thursday, February 17th from 7-9 pm. Women in Wind is a CYA initiative aimed at increasing the participation of women and girls in the lifelong sport of sailing. All are welcome.

For more information, please contact Betty Ann Haliburton at [bahaliburton@hotmail.ca](mailto:bahaliburton@hotmail.ca) or (902) 423-6893.

### **NOVA SCOTIA YACHTING ASSOCIATION January 2005**

#### **NSYA MEMBERS ELECT NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

At the NSYA Annual General Meeting in November, NSYA Member Clubs, Sailing Schools and Class Associations elected the 2005 Board of Directors.

Elected were;

- President - Barbara Pike
- Directors at Large (with portfolio)
  - Betty Ann Haliburton (1st Vice-President & Women's Programs)
  - Gerry Giffin (2nd Vice President & Racing/Teams)
  - Leslie Samson (Treasurer)
  - Ian Thomson (Secretary)
  - John MacDonald (Learn to Sail)
  - Ed Bottrell (Cruising & Power)
  - David Rankin (Fundraising)
  - Michelle Grace (Communications)
  - Ed Bloodworth (Handicapping)
  - Cameron Chisholm (Safety)
  - Warren Nethercote (Past President & Judges)

To contact any of the above, please do so through the NSYA office. ([nsya@sportnovascotia.ca](mailto:nsya@sportnovascotia.ca))

For more details please visit NSYA's web site to view the NSFA newsletter at  
([www.nsyans.ca/newsletter.pdf](http://www.nsyans.ca/newsletter.pdf)).

Note: As NSYA's Handicap Chair, I'm attending their board meetings which has given me the opportunity to hear, first hand, what NSYA is doing for the yachting community and would like to pass on as much as I can to AYC members. Ed Bloodworth





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 Thursday:..... 11:30 AM > 2:00 PM & 5:00 > 8:30 PM  
 Friday:..... 11:30 AM > 2:00 PM & 5:00 > 9:00 PM  
 Saturday:.. 10:00 AM > 2:00 PM (BRUNCH) & 5:00 > 8:30 PM  
 Sunday:..... 10:00 AM > 2:00 PM (BRUNCH)

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Monday & Tuesday:..... **CLOSED**  
 Wednesday & Thursday: 11:30 AM > 11:30 PM  
 Friday:..... 11:30 AM > 11:30 PM  
 Saturday:..... 10:00 AM > 11:30 PM  
 Sunday:..... 10:00 AM > 4:00 PM

**DON'T FORGET**

**DARTS THURSDAY 7:PM**

**CRIBBAGE FRIDAYS 8:PM**

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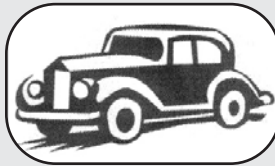
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New Year's Eve at the AYC. Bravo Zulu to Entertainment Chairman, Grant Kennedy and his Committee with special thanks to SWEET APPLE CATERING, Stan and Sharon Lloyd. It was a blast. Happy New Year everyone.





### **The Canadian Hydrographic Service and Nautical Data International 4-Jan-2005**

Since 1993, Canadian Hydrographic Services' digital charts have been distributed by Nautical Data International Inc. (NDI) and its value-added resellers. Over the past year, DFO has received over a hundred complaints about NDI. These complaints have come from a variety of sources, including recreational boaters, the navigational chart industry, and other levels of government. Complaints range from frustration with NDI's pricing practices, to boaters being unable to obtain the electronic chart products they need. In addition, DFO has had serious difficulties with NDI, including non-payment of royalties for DFO-owned products. Despite repeated efforts to remedy these problems, there has been little improvement in the situation. As a result, DFO has terminated its agreement with NDI. Effective immediately, and in the interim, Canadian Hydrographic Services' dealers will be distributing the digital certified products. CHS will be considering digital distribution options over the coming months.

Terminating the contract with NDI is in the best interests of Canada's recreational boaters and navigational chart industry, DFO, other government departments and Canadian taxpayers, who rely on the best, most accurate charts possible for safe navigation.

#### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

##### **What is the Canada/ Nautical Data International (NDI) Agreement?**

The Canada/NDI Agreement is a copyright license agreement which was originally signed in 1993 between the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Nautical Data International. The Agreement gives NDI the sole license to reproduce and distribute digital nautical charts and other hydrographic data, and imposes restrictions on the Canadian Hydrographic Services' (CHS) ability to distribute the data.

**What is happening with the Canada/NDI Agreement?** Minister Regan has decided to terminate the Canada/ (NDI) Agreement. NDI received the notice of termination today. The termination will come into effect in one month's time, on February 4, 2005.

**Why did CHS terminate its agreement with NDI?** It is no longer in the public interest for DFO to have an agreement with NDI. Over the past year, DFO received more than 100 complaints from recreational boaters and the navigational chart industry about NDI's pricing practices and product availability. The agreement is seriously hampering DFO's ability to partner with other federal departments and others to deliver on many programs. Despite repeated efforts to remedy this situation, there was little improvement. This was a decision that was not taken lightly.

**Why did it take so long for action to be taken?** Major difficulties with the Agreement started in 2000 and CHS wanted to make every effort to remedy the situation before taking such serious action. CHS spent considerable management time and resources in trying to resolve its differences with NDI. CHS also made every effort to resolve difference between NDI and other parties. In CHS' view, these efforts were necessary before taking the decision to terminate the Agreement.

**Why did CHS have a sole arrangement with NDI?** When the CHS-NDI relationship began over ten years ago, the concept of electronic charting was in its infancy and CHS did not have the capacity to respond to demands from manufacturers and the public for electronic chart data. Because the market was in its infancy, it was determined that there was insufficient business to support multiple distributors and that a sole license would make the business viable as well as provide a single point of contact for all electronic chart companies to obtain official CHS digital chart data products.

**Will the taxpayer have to foot the bill if NDI sues CHS?** It is premature to comment on any subsequent legal action that may arise from the termination of the agreement.

##### **Will there be job loss at NDI as a result of the legal action taken by CHS?**

It is possible that this action could impact on employment at NDI. The Minister is committed to minimizing any negative effect on employment in St. John's, Newfoundland-Labrador in connection with replacing the work NDI had been contracted to perform. Fisheries and Oceans Canada will make every effort to make use of the technical expertise in Newfoundland-Labrador as much as possible in service delivery.

**How will this impact on the services and products previously available from NDI?** For the first year after the termination of the agreement, authorized CHS will distribute digital certified products to authorized CHS dealers, who will distribute the products to recreational boaters. CHS will also continue to distribute the data to licensed value-added resellers, who will continue to distribute other digital nautical data products to recreational boaters. During this period, CHS will consider distribution options for these products for the 2006 boating season.

##### **Will products be available for the upcoming boating season? Will they be the same price as last year?**

Most digital certified products will be available immediately. A list will be posted on the CHS website. The prices will be set by dealers, however, the CHS suggested retail prices will not exceed those of the existing pricing structure.

**How do I know if the products I am purchasing are safe?** CHS certified products are safe and meet the legal requirement for carrying charts.

**Does this mean that I can legally purchase products from C-MAP and Navionics now?** You will be able to purchase products from C-Map and Navionics as soon as they obtain licenses from CHS to distribute these products.

A list of CHS authorized manufacturers and products are available on the CHS website <http://www.charts.gc.ca/pub/>. This list is updated regularly.

Submitted by **Ed Bloodworth**.



### Calendar of Events 2005

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|-----|-----|---|
| THU | JAN | 20 DARTS @ 7 PM ( THURSDAY IS PUB STYLE FOOD NIGHT AT THE AYC)          |
| FRI |     | 21 CRIBBAGE @ 8PM ( FRIDAY NIGHT DINING AT THE AYC)                     |
| SAT |     | 22 PRIVATE FUNCTION (LOWER LOUNGE OPEN TO AYC MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS) |
| THU |     | 27 DARTS @ 7 PM ( THURSDAY IS PUB STYLE FOOD NIGHT AT THE AYC)          |
| FRI |     | 28 CRIBBAGE @ 8PM ( FRIDAY NIGHT DINING AT THE AYC)                     |
| SAT |     | 29 PRIVATE FUNCTION (LOWER LOUNGE OPEN TO AYC MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS) |
|     |     |   |
| THU | FEB | 3 DARTS @ 7 PM ( THURSDAY IS PUB STYLE FOOD NIGHT AT THE AYC)           |
| FRI |     | 4 CRIBBAGE @ 8PM ( FRIDAY NIGHT DINING AT THE AYC)                      |
| SAT |     | 5 STEAK NIGHT - RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED - 477-7650                     |
| THU |     | 10 DARTS @ 7 PM ( THURSDAY IS PUB STYLE FOOD NIGHT AT THE AYC)          |
| FRI |     | 11 CRIBBAGE @ 8PM ( FRIDAY NIGHT DINING AT THE AYC)                     |
| SAT |     | 12 VALENTINES DANCE ( DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED)                          |
| THU |     | 17 DARTS @ 7 PM ( THURSDAY IS PUB STYLE FOOD NIGHT AT THE AYC)          |
| FRI |     | 18 CRIBBAGE @ 8PM ( FRIDAY NIGHT DINING AT THE AYC)                     |
| SAT |     | 19 STEAK NIGHT - RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED - 477-7650                    |

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