

JANUARY 2006



The ceiling of Nepean Yacht Club built to resemble the hull of a boat - Quite lovely! Inset: **Wayne Blackler** and **Stuart Schnare** during the Keith's Waterfront Race.

The Burgee

ARM DALE YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER 2006 - 01



(l-r) At Chester Race Week, **Greg Baker** and **Nancy Morrison**. New years day sail, **Andrew Stodart**. One-design regatta at RNSYS, **Terry Booth**.

HIGHLIGHTS

- MEETING
 - Sailing/Cruising Meeting**
 - February 11 @ 1:00pm
- EVENTS
 - Saturday Matinee**
 - Lukey's Boat*
 - January 21
 - @ 3:00-6:00pm
 - Valentines Dance**
 - February 11, evening
 - Dry Cruise**
 - Oak Island Spa & Resort*
 - February 24-26

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FROM THE EDITOR

editor

CHRISTINE LINDSAY

At the end of November, after my husband's
and my last sail of the season, he turns to me

with a sad face and says,
"No more sailing for four
and a half months."

Perhaps this is the reason
we gather at the club over
the winter. No, we can't
sail again until spring, but
we can meet with kindred
spirits, recount anecdotes
from summers past and
dream about adventures
we'll definitely have next
summer, in short, keep us
close to our love for
sailing.

Luckily, my husband is not strictly
correct when he says there'll be no
more sailing until spring. The last
two years, he has headed out on
Don Robinson's Douglas 31,
"Carole", for Don's annual New
Year's Day sail. This year they
went as far as Herring Cove
before turning back to the club
for the New Year's Day Levee. It
was essential to get there on
time as our new Commodore,
Karen Smith, was one of five

hardy souls who ventured out this year.

Our aim for this year's *Burgee* is to keep you

connected to your club as well as
to your love of boating. We want
to keep you up to date on the
decisions the Committee of
Management make as well as
keep you informed of upcoming
events. We hope to share some
of the history of the club with
you as well as make you laugh
with stories of our boater's
adventures and misadventures.

I invite you to participate in the
making of the *Burgee*
by submitting
articles, ideas
for articles or
photos you've
taken around the
club. Let's work
together to make
the *Burgee* an ongoing
point of connection
for us all.

Christine Lindsay,
Burgee Editor



During Christmas week, **Karl Baker** and his **Mini-Me snow man** that showed up on the deck courtesy of the catering staff! We're not quite sure what it was that made him resemble Karl, but even Mr. Baker agreed that he did.

jobs available THEY'RE CUSHY!

NEEDED: Volunteers for the Burgee Committee.

- Advertising Manager
- Computer savvy person to maintain the AYC WebSite
- Photographer to photograph social activities, races, etc
- Collector and Maintainer of Club Archives
- Collector of Newspaper and Media Items
- Envelope Stuffers

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the commodore

KAREN SMITH

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

Hello and welcome to the first edition of the 2006 *Burgee*. When I was penning articles in 2000/2001 as *Burgee* editor, I hadn't anticipated I'd be writing under the heading of Commodore some 5 years later. I thank you for your well wishes and the confidence expressed to me since the election in November. A few days before the election, Life member, Elliott Whitby shook my hand, wished me good luck, but said he had to ask, "why do you want to be commodore". My reply was that I'd like to try and lighten the tone at the club a bit, to get back to simply having fun with our boats again. I realize there are lots of issues to address, but I hope we can all step back a little and reaffirm to ourselves that Armdale Yacht Club is where we spend our leisure time – where we come to sail our boats, go for a cruise, hang out in the cockpit with some friends, or have a relaxing glass of wine at the club house and enjoy each other's company – to decompress after the stresses of the work day or the challenges of life in general. It should be enjoyable. It should be fun. Period. We are an immensely varied group of people with often divergent opinions, but what unites us is boating, whether power, sail or paddle, and our love of the water. I hope we will all try and respect each other, remember why we came here in the first place and why we choose to stay on this little island.

The committee this year is a great group of folks and are a combination of seasoned members with lots of experience at AYC and new members with fresh perspectives and new ideas. We're very much looking forward to a good year. I want to take a moment to introduce the committee...

Betty Ann Haliburton, Vice-Commodore

"The owner of 'Zaphrentis' (which is an extinct seashell, by the way!), an Ericson 27, this is my second boat in the last 6 years. 'Step One', a PY23 (appropriately named by the former owner!) was the first adventure which led the way to 4-footitis. Sailing is in the Haliburton genes as my mom and dad cruised up and down the shores of Nova Scotia for many summers with six lifejacket-laden kids on our schooners 'Pinions', and then 'Tia Maria', both Nova Scotia built boats. A short power hiatus followed before we

resumed sailing as adults, most memorably on my brother Bill's wooden Roue 'Talisman'. There was no looking back. Cruising down the south shore interspersed with a bit of racing around the buoys on Thursday nights are what dreams are made of. Armdale was a logical choice of clubs as it has been part of our family for as many years as I can remember. It's exciting to be able to give back a little as I step up to the position of Vice Commodore in 2006, and look forward to the new year!"

Blair King, Fleet Captain Sail

Blair and Andrea King (and their dog, Riley)

"We are the owners of a 1990 C&C37-Plus named 'Essence'. She is the cruising version of this series. Many people will know the racing version, 'Third Wave'. We are planning to do some racing but mostly cruising with family and friends. We have been members of AYC for about 5 years. Before that I have been around off and on for almost 35 years. My father Ralph has owned 'Seabird', a Roue 20 since the early 70's. We decided to make AYC our home because of the mix of people and relaxed atmosphere."

Christine Lindsay, Burgee Editor

Christine Lindsay, Andrew Stodart and their son (the wee) Simon Lindsay-Stodart

"We own 'Eagh Marrey' (Gaelic for sea horse), a Contessa 26. We bought her two summers ago, just before Simon was born and have not sailed her as much as we would like, but we're still having fun. We plan to go farther afield as time and experience permit. We joined AYC as social members in 2003. We could hardly not join, as we live right down the road! Could a boat really be far behind?"

Munden Manuel, Fleet Captain Cruise

Munden and Diane joined AYC in 2000.

"At that time we had a 17ft speed boat and were simply looking for a place to keep our boat as we were new to Halifax and didn't really know anyone. We checked out all the clubs in the area and were impressed with the people we met at AYC when we did our drive around to scope out each club. Obviously we settled here. In 2001 we upgraded to a 29ft Cape Island named 'Idyll One' and started to cruise with the warm and welcoming boaters of AYC, both sail and power. In 2002 we upgraded again to our present boat, a 38ft Cape Island named 'Alma Louise'. We originally wanted to have a sail boat but neither of us knew how to



Jim Newell on the annual New Years Day sail aboard 'Carole'. Pamela Lerch and Jacqueline Gahagan at the Commodore's Ball in November.



Friday Night Jam

Friday Night Jams

Many Friday nights after supper at AYC there is a jam session in the Commodore's Room by the fireplace where members bring their guitars and banjos and voices. If you're lucky you may find Miles, Kevin and others making some pretty fine music.



Winter Hours

BAR & LOUNGE

Monday & Tuesday

Closed

Wednesday – Friday

12:00 AM – 10:00 PM

Saturday

10:00 AM – 10:00 PM

Sunday

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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DINING ROOM

Monday & Tuesday

Closed

LUNCH

Wednesday – Friday

12:00 AM – 2:00 PM

DINNER

Wednesday – Saturday

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

BRUNCH

Saturday & Sunday

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Winter hours in effect until March 31st

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OFFICE

Monday – Friday

8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

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sail so opted for power, as sailing appeared to be so complicated! We haven't given up on sailing and as a result 'Alma Louise' is 'quietly' for sale so we can try sailing... if and when she finds a new owner. We enjoy AYC – its staff and the potpourri of personalities contained within its membership and last but not least... JB, because he is responsible for getting us 'involved' in the club, making it something more than simply a place to keep our boat."

Niels A. Nielsen, House Chair

"I bought my schooner 'Osprey' (mahogany on oak) in October of 1988 from Andy King and it was purely an impulse purchase; usually I stick to packs of gum at the grocery checkout but for once I got out of control. I am the third owner of 'Osprey' and the one who has owned her the longest. Originally I intended to change the name but on the day I signed the papers I walked out of the club and there was an osprey hovering over the boat. I can recognize an omen as well as the next person.

I use 'Osprey' for a number of things including day sailing, cruising the South Shore and racing with the other schooners. I also enjoy doing the wood work that comes with a wooden boat of this size.

Initially I joined the club because it was convenient, however over the years I have made friendships and the club has become an important part of my life. The way I use the club has changed as my life evolves; once upon a time I used the catering facilities a great deal, now I do much of my socializing around the yard and on 'Osprey'. I am sure this will change as my personal circumstances continue their evolution.

I stay at AYC because it fits my lifestyle and I enjoy the varied backgrounds of the members. It makes for an experience that never becomes stale and I find always enjoyable."

Pat Noonan, Entertainment Chair

Pat and Lisa Noonan have been members of AYC for 2 years with the sail boat, 'Noonan Knight', a Tanzer 7.5

"We are more cruisers than racers, like to overnight on weekends, even if it is just to the dingle, or sometimes we don't make it off the mooring the first night! But we are expanding our range and took a couple of week long excursions to Mahone Bay this past summer, God bless our new Radar! We actually joined Armdale mostly because that is where our boat we bought was, and there was no waiting list for moorings (we prefer the mooring). We stayed because of all the great people and new friends



Karen Smith, Don Robinson and Mark MacNeil – the 10th anniversary of the New Years Day race or sail; or is the 11th? It's been a while! And Don with a frozen dock line! An Indian rope trick?

we have made, and the good times we have already had! We are newbie sailors who learned to sail in Calgary, and decided we wanted to live near an ocean, so Lisa applied for a position that was open in Dartmouth. We had a month to liquidate and move, loaded up the truck and drove out. Six months later we found 'Crew Rest' for sale (since renamed – even had the ceremony) and haven't looked back."

Dan Pride, Rear Commodore

Associate: Laurel Cooper

"I joined AYC in 1995 with my first keelboat 'Kittiwake' now owned by Liz Whyte and called 'Rogue Wave' aka the girlie boat :). Currently I race 'Highlander', A Dehler Yachts DB1, every chance I get. I like AYC because of the members and staff that combine to make it the most friendly and eclectic gathering of souls that can be found in Halifax."

Leslie Samson, Treasurer

Leslie and Paul Samson are both senior members and own the 41 foot cruiser, 'Golden Dream' and 29 foot, Dragon Sailboat, 'Star of the East'.

"I have been here with Paul since 1985 and he has been here since he was 2 (44 years). We use our boats purely for pleasure and hang out on Marina C in the summer and Marina A in the winter."

Karen Smith, Commodore

"I came to AYC in 1995 – started sailing in the fall of that year with Don Robinson on his little Montgomery-15, 'Why Ask' and

fully believed that sailing always involved many, many warm layers and battling near-survival conditions of the winter North Atlantic. Talk about trial by fire! It's a good thing ignorance was bliss! I was a combination of Associate and Social member sailing with Mark MacNeil, Graeme Caskey, Lynn Morgan, Don Robinson or whomever else would take me along and give me a line to pull, until 1999 when I bought my 27 foot Soling, 'Twillick'. I mainly race my boat but also enjoy crewing with other friends on their crafts to mix it up a little. I never met a sailboat I didn't like! I came to AYC by chance, I came back the second time because one Jim (JB) Byrne was so kind and welcoming and I stayed because of all the 'characters' (some 450 or more of us!) and because I fell, hook-line-and-sinker in love with sailing. AYC is a wonderful place at it's core and I've come to realize it means something to me."

Randy Stevens, Director of Sail Training

Randy Stevens and Deborah Dalzell (sons, Matthew and Jonathan and dog, Rudy)

"I first was a member at AYC in 1960, when my dad purchased the 'Sea Mate', a 46 foot power boat. I

purchased a B12 in 1965 and sailed her out of Armdale. I have gone through a few boats since then, settling on my current boat a C&C39 'Ceilidh'. I am married to Deborah Dalzell and my life, boat and car are all for the use of my dog Rudy. I am in the investment business and carry on my practice with Evangeline Securities. My sons Matthew and Jonathan both attended the Armdale sailing school as boys. I am currently the vice chair of the Route Halifax Saint-Pierre race committee and race and cruise *Ceilidh*."

Eric Theriault, Secretary

Daughters: Lauren (14) and Amanda (17).

"In 1986 I brought 'Snagglepuss' (Mirage 26) back to AYC. I now have 'Rostral', a C&C 33 Mk2. The boat is primarily use for cruising and day-sailing. My favorite cruising grounds are the Eastern Shore of Nova Scotia and the Bra d'Ore Lakes. I joined AYC because of the members. After visiting all the yacht clubs in the area, I found AYC to be the most friendly. I believe that's still true!"

Don Webster, Yard Chair

"I became a member at AYC in 1959 with my old wooden schooner 'Adventure' and believe me, it was an adventure sailing in those days. Since then I owned a few different boats including 'Tancook Bell', 'Glaine IV' and now 'Seahorse III'. I have repaired and rebuilt a number of boats in my life, along with teaching basic seamanship and engine maintenance. Also, I have taken several long distance cruises in the past including passage through the Panama Canal. In closing, I hope to give some of my time and experiences to AYC as Yard Chair."

So that's a little of who we are – and we're very enthusiastic about the upcoming year. We had our first meeting on January 2nd and are now in the process of putting together sub-committees and setting out a schedule with priorities for the year. I'd encourage any member, who would like to be involved on a committee, or volunteer your time and talent to the club in any way, to contact one of us and make your intentions known. There is always something that needs doing and I'm sure we can find something to suit your time schedule and interests. AYC is the sum of its parts and it takes many hands to volunteer and get things accomplished. We are extremely lucky to have a very qualified, experienced and dedicated staff (Linda, Wade, Ed, Jimmy, Jared and Phyllis) to keep the day to day operations clicking along and our committee is here to support them and fill in the holes when need be.

The Budget Meeting will be coming up in February and again, I encourage all Senior and Life members to come out and get informed on where the club stands and how we propose to take it forward. In the end, it's not the just the committee but each and every member who comes to the meeting, engages in discussion and votes on the issues, who decide on the direction of AYC. We'd like the decisions to reflect the bulk of the membership, so please, come out and vote.

This year, we want to put good communications at the top of our mandate and I promise you, we will do our utmost to make sure you are informed of what is going

on, and you can choose to use that information as you like. The tools we will utilize include our monthly hard copy newsletter *The Burgee*, the weekly e-newsletter that gets sent out each Monday as a reminder of what's happening in the coming week (if you are not on the list, please forward your email address to office@armdale-yachtclub.ns.ca and you will be put on the dissemination list). This and the website are excellent venues to promote activities that come up unexpectedly or if advertised events change after *The Burgee* goes to press. Timely notices will be posted at the club as well so there should be at least one method of getting the word out that should work for you. In this increasingly electronic age, it would be very helpful if we could get more of your email addresses and perhaps cut the cost of printing and mailing *The Burgee* quite considerably if you can receive a pdf that you can print yourself or just read online. There are many project toward which your dues could be better utilized and any savings here and there would be most helpful so we can keep costs as low as possible for us all.

Apart from making communication a priority, three other tenets that we are using as our guide this year are: 1. emphasizing the importance that all Committee of Management actions and decisions be open and transparent to club members, 2. running the club in a financially responsible manner, and 3. last but by no means least, enjoying this wonderful little island where we are fortunate enough to spend some of our leisure time.

We need to know what you think and how you feel about the club, good or bad. I had thought of sending out another survey but given the historically low rate of reply, I decided to take it upon myself to try and contact all (or at least most!) of the membership personally (either in person, via telephone or via email), to get a sense of what you think of AYC, how you use it, what is important to you, etc. and try and use this information as our planning guide. It may take some time, but I hope to compile the bulk of your opinions by mid-year or so. And if you have no opinion one way or another, that's fine too, but I will at least ask! It's the best way I can think of to get the pulse of the club.

All of the volunteer committee of management have day-jobs and are doing the work of the club on evenings and weekends. There is a list of contact information on page-two for committee members and we encourage you to send the appropriate member, your thoughts and they will be addressed either in a management meeting or one on one as appropriate. Emailed or written thoughts or concerns are preferable. Urgent matters should be directed to the office and Linda will see that they are taken care of.

I wish you all a good year at AYC. I know that I, for one, am very much looking forward to getting my boat back in the water in May (after some much needed repair) and sailing and racing with my friends. It's just magical, slipping off the mooring or the dock, how all the stresses of the day seem to slip away with the lines. It's the cheapest therapy I can imagine.

Karen Smith,
AYC Commodore



Guidelines for 2006

- 1
To Encourage Excellent Communications
- 2
To Ensure Transparency in COM Decision Making
- 3
To be Financially Prudent
- 4
And (most of all)
To Enjoy our leisure time Sailing and Cruising at AYC!

WEB HELP NEEDED!
We are in need of someone to keep the AYC site updated. Please contact the office if you can volunteer for this position. We need you!

2006
preSeason
Events

MEETING

Sailing & Cruising Meeting
February 11 @ 1:00 PM

Come discuss and the 2006 sailing and cruising schedule at the AYC wardroom on Saturday afternoon.

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SEMINARS

Race Rules (3 sessions)
with *Kenny Bell*

Sail Trim
with *Bill Haliburton*

on Saturday afternoons in March. Exact dates and times to be confirmed soon.

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DRY CRUISE

Oak Island Spa and Resort
February 24 to 26

Join other AYC members for this fun weekend! See ad on page 8 for details.

Reservations to be made by January 26th to take advantage of the block of rooms held for AYC members.

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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

rear commodore

DAN PRIDE

Happy New Year to all AYC Members. I'm looking forward to working with our new Fleet Captain Sail, Blair King and Fleet Captain Cruise, Munden Manual who will be bringing a fresh outlook and some progressive changes to sailing and cruising at AYC. Collectively, we will be encouraging more of the AYC membership to get out and participate in both the club races and the cruising events. We will accomplish this by enhancing the level of communications related to events, combining several of the events and offering new racing and/or cruising skippers and cruisers a series of light and informative seminars on variety of topics over the winter months.

As in every year, we would like to encourage as many sailors and cruisers as

possible to give the committee of management members that are organizing these events as much support as possible to make all of our events a success. This year Blair, Munden and I will be looking for volunteers to help us organize and execute all of the great events we have planned for AYC (No Experience Necessary!!). This is a great way to both meet your fellow members (that you haven't already) and help to keep AYC events the most fun and well attended in Metro.

Please don't forget to attend the Cruising / Racing meeting on February 11, 2006 at 1:00pm to discuss and gather your input on all of the upcoming 2006 boating events!

Regards, Dan Pride
AYC Rear Commodore



Intrepid sailors, **Keith Davidson** and his son **Jerico** at the Soling Championships in September.

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EMAIL

PLEASE send your email address to Munden Manuel if you wish to be placed on the **weekly eNews update** for weekly reminders of what's happening at AYC for the coming week.

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communication

CYA Women's National Keelboat Championship held in Ottawa in September: **Nancy Morrison, Liz Whyte, Karen Smith** and **Mandy Chapman** competed for NS.



fleet captain sail

BLAIR KING

Welcome to the 2006 Sailing season. As fleet captain sail I hope to continue the tradition of excellent sailing events at AYC, but with a twist.

This year we will be planning events where both the power and sail boaters will be participating together. The first event will be a sail and raft up at Wreck Cove in July.

The second will be the continuation of the Ketch Harbor Race. After the race, the fleet will meet the power boaters at Rouges Roost for a raft up. For those who are continuing to Chester you will have company.

During Chester Race week we will meet up with the cruisers for a Beach Party and raft up on Thursday evening. The location to be decided in the summer.

The Commodore's Cup will be different this year, if the details can be worked out. There will be 2 days of Fleet Racing with 4 races each day. Each 3 person crew will race a total of 3 races over the 2 days. Each crew will be made up of 1 AYC senior member and 2 other AYC members. Each race will be 2 laps around the inner triangle. The racing will not only be fun on the water but will also be exciting to watch from the deck where the beer will be fresh and cold.

There will also be several changes to the Performance Cup and Participation Award for 2006. The details will be posted on or before the

2006 sailing meeting on February 11, 2006.

To help match prospective crew with boats needing crew, we will place 2 notice boards for people to use, one on the web site and the other will be placed next to the sign up sheet before the start of each race. The use of the board is purely voluntary by both boat owners and crew. The only prerequisite is that people should want to share the experience of sailing.

There will be several seminars over the winter. The seminars will be hosted on Saturday afternoons starting @ 1:30PM. There will be one on "Sail Trim" by Bill Haliburton. There will be 3 seminars on the Racing Rules of Sailing by Ken Bell. The first seminar will be March 4. Please see the schedule for the other dates. The 2006 preliminary sailing schedule should already be on the web page when you read this *Burgee*.

I would like to personally invite all members to come out to the sailing meeting on February 11, 2006 at 1:00PM. With your help and input the 2006 sailing season will only be better than years before. I look forward to hearing all your comments and suggestions and will do my very best to act on them.

See you on Saturday
February 11, 2006.

Blair King,
Fleet Captain Sail



Paul Samson out for a cruise on New Years Day aboard 'Ms. Purity'. Past-club-manager, Kristine Jagoe and Elizabeth Whyte at the Commodore's Ball in November.



Movie Night

Wednesday nights, Rocco's on the Arm hosts "Dinner and a Movie Night". The movie starts at 7:00 PM and is shown on a projection screen - admission to the movie is free. A dinner special is offered by the kitchen each week and is between about \$8 and \$12. Food starts at 6:00 PM. Come join your fellow members for a Wednesday evening film between boating season.

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Reminder

Armdale Yacht Club is a private club and if you bring guests, you **must** sign them in. If this is not done, we run the risk of loosing our liquor license.

Please sign in your guests and if they are coming quite often, please encourage them to take out a social membership. Applications can be gotten from the Office or the Caterers - it's the best value for the buck I can think of in Halifax. You can't beat the atmosphere and the view at AYC, now can you!

members NUMBERS

AYC MEMBERSHIP numbers for Senior members were issued a few years ago (Associates are a 'dash-one' of the corresponding Senior member number). Social and other categories of members will also be assigned numbers in the next month or so to facilitate catering assessment tracking and to aid in ensuring people who are using the club are, indeed, members (or, if they're not, are attending with an AYC member). Your cooperation with the Catering and Security Staff would be most appreciated.

entertainment chair

ENTERTAINMENT CHAIR REPORT

PAT NOONAN

Hello all, I am Pat Noonan, the recently Unanimously elected entertainment chair for the COM 2006! I take great pride in the unanimous part, even if there were no other nominees, and really no one voted for me. We hope you enjoyed the New Years Eve Gala and the Levee on New Years Day. At time of writing we have not assumed our positions yet, so I have no concrete idea of what is coming up, but the scuttlebutt is that we enjoy an event at the end of January. We will keep you updated through *The Burgee*, website, emails and such. Also, as this is my first year on the committee, I welcome any suggestions for events you would like to attend, any help on the committee, or anything you would like to see, or wouldn't! I have received some really good ideas that we hope to implement over the next year: dinner theater, wine tasting, rum tasting, etc, and we haven't even started yet! I am sure we will have a great year. If you would like to have a say, there is always room on committees for you, although entertainment would surely be

the best to join, I suppose any other committee would be alright. This does not have to be an every event commitment, even if you would like to come and decorate on an afternoon, please stop by and meet some of the other members, although again, the nicest people are on the entertainment committee! Feel free to email me: panoonan@noonananddeveloping.com or call 463-1376 with any concerns, questions, or critiques of entertainment issues. We will see you out on the water, and in the club in 2006.



Pat Noonan,
Entertainment Chair



Betty Ann Haliburton and her brother Bill Haliburton – have been sailing all their lives and still make their home at Armdale.

Entertainment Committee

We are interested in getting as many people on the Entertainment Committee as possible. If you want to come down, have fun and contribute to the good times, let me know and I'll keep you informed of the dates. The first Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 19th at the club, will firm it up as people let me know their availability. Thanks. Have a great January.



Crib

Crib games are held in the Upper Wardroom Friday nights from fall to spring starting 8:00 PM. Any member interested in joining in should come by and introduce yourself to one of the players. It's a nice social evening, with lots of great prizes and fun – new players are very welcome!

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*TAX additional. Based on availability.

A block of 20 rooms are held for AYC until the 26th of January so reservations should be made before then. Contact Oak Island directly for reservations: Toll Free 1-800-565-5075 or reservations@oakislandresortandspa.com

update

DECISIONS ARISING FROM 2005 AGM AND SPECIAL MEETING INFORMATION

With the first meeting of the new COM just behind us, I would like to address a few of the issues that have come out of the Annual General Meeting that was held on November 2nd, 2005. We want to ensure everyone is aware of these two approved motions.

Partial Billing in November 2005

On November 22, invoices were mailed out to all Senior members for one-half of their 2006 dues (based on 2005 figures, 2006 dues to be reviewed). This was further to a motion approved at the AGM to alleviate cash flow problems arising from additional expenses incurred in 2005 – Motion: “Do an advance billing of one-half a years membership dues. Get a solid financial statement early in the new year and hold a special meeting of the membership”. Rather than strike an immediate assessment, it was agreed to have the auditors review our financial situation and then determine the necessary action based on the results. The financial statements should be available by the end of January. In the meantime, this partial billing would give us the cash flow needed to get through the next two months.

Decision at AGM and Special Meeting re: Catering Assessment for 2006

Additionally at the November AGM, a proposal was put forth by the Committee of Management with regard to the Caterers commitment to the club for 2006. While it was agreed that a food and beverage service is an important part of Armdale Yacht Club, as it now stands, the Caterers are not able to make a reasonable living. It was felt that a guaranteed minimum income was necessary to keep quality caterers here and that Senior and Social members should be assessed \$50 quarterly. The following motion was put forth, voted on and passed – Motion: “That members commit to a \$200.00 annual food and beverage assessment for one year”. If an individual member did not spend \$200.00 in the year, they would be billed for the balance and the funds would be put toward the junior sailing program. A catering committee was struck consisting of Gloria Connors, Elizabeth Whyte and Bob Jones to consider ongoing catering issues. About three weeks later, a Special Meeting was called to consider an amendment to the motion stating that the monies not spent in the dining room and bar go to the caterers rather than to junior sailing – Motion: “Give the \$200.00 food and bar assessment to the caterers, instead of the junior sailing program”. This amendment was discussed, voted on and passed by the majority. It was agreed that Life, Associate, Junior and Outport members would be exempt from this assessment.

Details of how the assessment is to be administered are presently being worked out. We hope to have a reasonable process in place by the end of January. We do know the assessment will be \$200 per Senior and Social member which will be paid quarterly in \$50 installments. To put this into perspective, if you have lunch once a month at the club at \$10 per lunch, you are over half way to spending the \$200 per year quota. Bring a few friends for dinner another night, and you will probably have met or exceeded your \$200 assessment for the year. Details will be brought forward at the Budget Meeting. Those not in attendance will be notified through the office after the meeting. Please direct any comments you might have to the office in writing (preferably via email).

In the spirit of participating in your club, we hope you will come out, support the caterers and enjoy the social aspects of AYC. In this *Burgee* you can get a sense of what is coming up at Armdale Yacht Club. While it's very early in the planning stage when I write this note, lots of plans are coming together. 2006 will be a very active year at AYC and we hope to make the club a place where you can come and really enjoy.

best regards,
Karen Smith
Commodore 2006



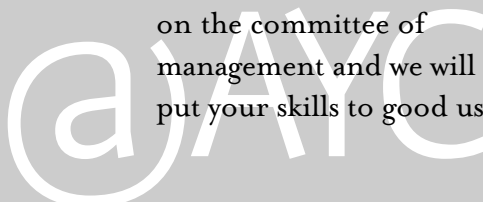
Darts

The AYC dart league meets each Thursday night at 7 pm in the lower bar during the boating off-season (fall to spring). All AYC members are welcome to join the league. \$4.00 per person. Stay tuned for results as the year progresses!

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volunteers NEEDED

VOLUNTEERING is the heart and soul of Armdale Yacht Club. If you would like to offer your talents on a sub-committee or in any other way, please contact the office or someone on the committee of management and we will put your skills to good use!



OFFICE@ARMDALEYACHTCLUB.NS.CA

fleet captain cruise

MUNDEN MANUEL

Welcome to the 2006 cruising season. I'm Munden your Fleet Captain Cruise (FCC) for this season. This year my committee & I hope to build on the past success of the AYC Cruising Committees. Past FCC Dave Hickey started an effort to have events/cruises which included sailing & power, with the cooperation of our Fleet Captain Sail, we hope to expand on this. Plans are in the works to combine, where possible, some power & sailing events with a view to expanding the boating experience of all at AYC.

A new year and a new cruise season is upon us. Yes, it's time to call and reserve your berth on the Annual AYC Dry Cruise. This event has been growing

in popularity since it was revived four years ago. Join us for a mid-winter break on February the 24th 25th & 26th. Simply call the Oak Island Resort & Spa (1-800-565-5075). Tell them you are with the Armdale Yacht Club Dry Cruise. For those of you who don't get the "AYC E-Newsletter" in your email it's \$329.00 + tax landside or \$339.00 + tax waterside - 2 people.

We have a full cruise season planned for 2006. Come to the sail/cruise meeting on February 11th to get all the details!

Munden Manuel
Fleet Captain Cruise

All photos in this issue were quickly pulled from my files based on what I had available, and I realize, are a little biased toward sailing. There will be more lead time to prepare *Burgee* issue # 2 and we hope to have a better representation of our cruisers and social events in there. Submissions are welcome and should be sent to our *Burgee* Editor, Christine Lindsay (contact info inside page 2).

Karen Smith

Our **methods of payment** of dues and fees at the Office are:

- Visa/mastercard
- Debit
- Cash/cheque

If you had 2005 dues/fees paid by December 31, 2005 and would like to take advantage of the new monthly payment plan, please contact Linda at 477-4617 or office@armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca

Saturday January 21st 2006, there will be a Matinee featuring Lukey's Boat Band from 3 until 6 PM. Come enjoy the first Matinee of 2006 and talk with all the other people who are suffering boat withdrawal!

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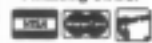
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calendar of events

JANUARY / FEBRUARY / MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Annual Winter Shut Down			Club Reopens! Movie Night 7pm	Darts 7pm	Crib 8pm	Saturday Matinee Lukey's Boat 3-6pm
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Closed: Winter Hours Club closed Mondays & Tuesdays			Movie Night 7pm	Darts 7pm	Crib 8pm	
29	30	31	FEBRUARY		2	3
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Closed: Winter Hours Club closed Mondays & Tuesdays			Movie Night 7pm	Darts 7pm	Crib 8pm	Cruising/Racing Meeting 1:00pm Valentines Dance
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Closed: Winter Hours Club closed Mondays & Tuesdays			Movie Night 7pm	Halifax Boat Show Darts 7pm	Halifax Boat Show Crib 8pm	Halifax Boat Show
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Halifax Boat Show	Closed: Winter Hours Club closed Mondays & Tuesdays		Movie Night 7pm	Darts 7pm	Crib 8pm Dry Cruise Oak Island	Dry Cruise Oak Island Spa and Resort
26	27	28	MARCH		2	3
Dry Cruise Oak Island Spa and Resort	Closed: Winter Hours Club closed Mondays & Tuesdays		Movie Night 7pm	Darts 7pm	Crib 8pm	Seminar: Race Rules (1) 1:30pm with Ken Bell