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## **Rothesay Yacht Club Best Little Yacht Club in the East**

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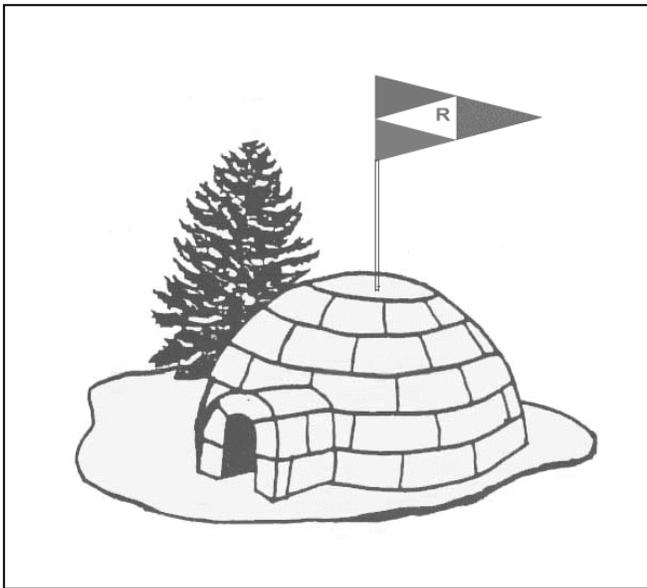
### **Commodore's Message**

**SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER! SOON THE SMELL OF BOTTOM PAINT WILL BE IN THE AIR AND OUR EYES WILL BE TRAINED ON THE SUBMERGED WHARF & WE'LL BE WONDERING IF THE LAUNCH WILL BE ON SCHEDULE OR WILL THE WATER STILL BE TOO HIGH ?**

**IF YOU'RE ANYTHING LIKE ME, YOU HAVE LOTS OF BOAT PROJECTS WHICH YOU HAD GOOD INTENTIONS TO COMPLETE OVER THE WINTER. MINE ARE STILL IN THE BASEMENT, SO OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS THERE WILL BE SOME SERIOUS SANDING & VARNISHING GOING ON !!!**

**WHILE YOU HAVE BEEN HIBERNATING THE WINTER AWAY, YOUR CLUB DIRECTORS HAVE BEEN HARD AT WORK DRAWING UP PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON. YOU CAN FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING BY ATTENDING THE SPRING GENERAL MEETING ON MAY 6. WE ARE PLANNING ON HAVING**

### *Editor's Note:*



**THE CLUB HOUSE OPEN ON WEEKENDS STARTING APRIL 15 FOR ANYONE WANTING TO GET AN EARLY START & BRUCE TENNANT HAS A TENTATIVE LAUNCH DATE OF MAY 26**

**I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE RIVER CRUISE IN JULY, IT JUST KEEPS GETTING BIGGER & BETTER EVERY YEAR. AS WELL, THE THURSDAY NIGHT RACES WILL BRING GREAT SAILING AND LOTS OF FUN.**

**FOR THE NEW MEMBERS WHO PERHAPS HAVE NOT SEEN THE JIBSHEET BEFORE, WELCOME ABOARD & CONGRATULATIONS ON JOINING THE BEST YACHT CLUB IN NEW BRUNSWICK!!! IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION, NEED SOME HELP, DIRECTIONS, OR SOME HOW-TO ADVISE, YOU WILL FIND EVERY MEMBER AT R.Y.C. WILL GO OUT OF THEIR WAY TO ASSIST YOU. WHEN YOU SEE "POT OF GOLD" ON THE WATER, PLEASE COME BY FOR A VISIT OR TIE ALONG SIDE. WE'RE EASY TO SPOT (WE'RE THE ONES WITH ALL THE KIDS AND LAUNDRY IN THE LIFELINES !)**

**SEE YOU ALL SOON, JOHN MOIR**

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## Social Events

Pot Luck-----Sat., April 28 at 7:00 PM

Members Days-----Sat., June 2 at 1:00 PM

Hot Dog Cruise Scout's Beach--Sat., June 23 at 7:00

Fireworks, Meenan's Cove-----Sunday, July 1 at Dusk

River Cruise-----Friday, July 13-22

Tall Tales Night

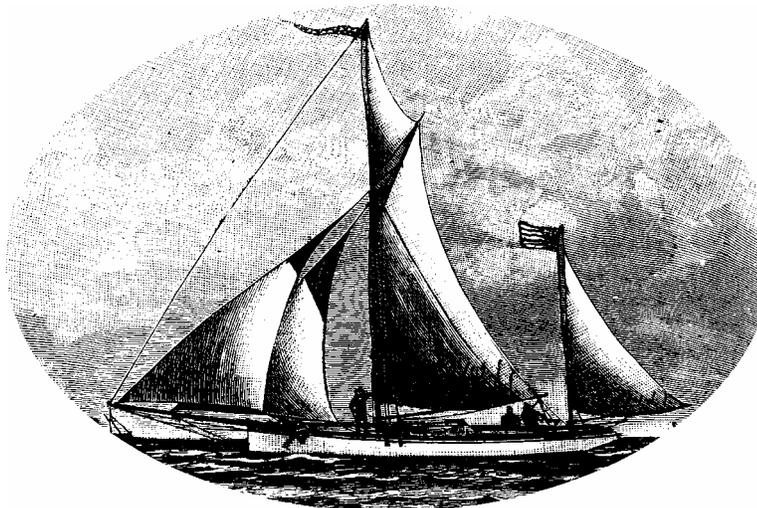
Lobster/Steak-----Sat., Sept. 29 at 7:00 PM

Pot Luck/Closing Ceremony-----Sat., Oct. 20 at 7:00 PM

Christmas – Family Party-----Sat., Dec.15 at 1:00 PM

Evening Party-----Sat., Dec.15 at 7:00 PM

New Years Levee-----Tues. Jan.1 at Noon



**"For every problem, there is one solution which is simple, neat and wrong."**

**H**ello to all at RYC from Syd and Liz aboard 'Shelsea' at Georgetown, Great Exuma, Bahamas. We had a very interesting, and not uneventful, journey from N.B. to here. We traveled down the Maine coast, thru' the Cape Cod canal, down Long Island Sound, thru' New York city, along the Jersey coast, up the Delaware Bay, thru' the C-D canal, down the Chesapeake Bay to Norfolk, Va., plugged into the ICW (approximately 1,100 miles) to Ft. Lauderdale, crossing the Gulf Stream and literally landing (ran aground) in the Bahamas at Gunn Cay. We then spent 2 ½ weeks getting to Georgetown via Chubb Cay (clearing customs), Allans Cay with hundreds of Iguanas and the northern Exumas Island chain.

It seems we learn something new about boat and sail handling almost every day. (Having a good anchoring system is vital). Meeting new people, on their own journey, is probably one of the highlights of our trip, along with the spectacular waters, snorkeling, fish and beaches.

Bill and Pip have been with us for the past two weeks and their visit has truly been a great pleasure. Our daughters, Amy, Ellen and Jenny, have or will be visiting and of course that is a real treat.

Living aboard for an extended period, one certainly gains new or improved skills such as patience, tolerance and self-sufficiency and also a much greater appreciation of the weather and weather systems. Liz has a saying she keeps mumbling during the rough times "It is never

so bad that it can't be worse!"

Our present plan is to stay here until late February, then head north to Eleuthra for a few weeks, then explore the Abacos for the months of March, April and May. Then continuing north to Canada, arriving in New Brunswick some time in early July.

Liz and I remember the sail-away dinner at Fundy Haven often and look forward to seeing you all this summer.

With love - Syd and Liz

P.S. To Rachel - we are gathering lots of shells!!

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### **P.S. from Pip O'Neil**

Can you imagine a better way to spend two weeks in January than in the Bahamas, surrounded by turquoise water and white sands, on a sailboat with friends? Personally, I really can't. We had perfect weather, met lots of new friends and came home with sand dollars, shells, a tan and great memories (not to mention photographs).

I can remember on the last RYC cruise being impressed by all the fresh muffins that were being baked on those boats with ovens. It takes more to impress me now. Liz not only cooked a wonderful (completely from scratch,

mind you) spaghetti sauce, but she whipped up French bread at the same time (also completely from scratch).

One thing I am sure about - everyone we met while on 'Shelsea' had had good and bad experiences on their travels and had survived them and learned from them. Sailing large distances seems to make fellow travelers into friends very quickly and I didn't meet anyone who didn't think all the 'Oh dear, help, help!!' moments well worth the great times. So it would seem - if you are thinking about taking off on a voyage of discovery - do it. Then again, flying down and joining someone who has taken the boat down for you is pretty good too.

Pip

**"I want to stay as close to the edge as I can without going over. Out on the edge you see all kinds of things you can't see from the center." Kurt Vonnegut**

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### **Want To Get Salty ?**

The second annual Bay cruise has been tentatively scheduled for August 25 which would include the Labour Day weekend. Last year was quite an adventure with whale watching, including whale or shark landings, pollock fishing, resulting in a new source of stories to tell. The weather was exceptionally good and we all had a great time. The hope is to have a few more boats in the group this year. The itinerary depends on the individuals and their boats. Some are suited to shorter segments and others may be more interested in a longer haul. A gathering in Dipper at the beginning and end of the trip would allow the entire fleet to plan and debrief.

Please send your ideas to me ([hmcscarth@health.nb.ca](mailto:hmcscarth@health.nb.ca); 847-0440) regarding your thoughts on the dates, ports, berths available or a request for a berths for those who wish go as crew.

### **Racing**

I have received requests for some weekend racing- maybe white sail only. If there is any interest we could organize a special weekend trophy. Looking for comments.

Rod Crowther

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**Berths and Docks.**

All berths were taken last year and there was a waiting list. Although the progress on the upgrading of the Berths and Docks will continue in 2001 the number of berths will be the same. As a consequence, the pressure on dock space will continue.

Berth holders are reminded that they need to confirm their intention to retain their present berth for 2001 and be paid up by 15th May.

Berth holders who have requested a relocation should confirm the request, as should berth applicants who are on the waiting list, by 15th May. New berth applicants will be added to the waiting list.

For the future, improving shelter from the South West and increasing the number of berths will be an important item on the agenda of the planning committee.

Dave

When we launch on 19 May it will be hard to believe that only two months ago we were knee deep in snow, we set our clocks ahead on April Fools Day, with the advent of DAYLIGHT SAILING TIME, for many of us the urge to get the covers off became irresistible and all was soon ready to launch and get to the serious business of our first sail.

The customary refreshments will be available on Launch Day.

**REMEMBER**  
**RYC LAUNCH**

**FRIDAY 18 MAY      SATURDAY 19 MAY**

**Bruce**

**Want to find out what's going on at your club ?  
Got suggestions or complaints about the club or how it's run?  
You could write me but I'll probably ignore you.**

***So what can you do?***

**Attend the Spring Annual Meeting at RYC  
Clubhouse  
On May 6 at 7:00 PM**

**All the Smart People do**

**Buildings and Grounds**

Spring Clean Up----Saturday May 26 at 9:00 AM

One of our more onerous responsibilities is the organization of the annual Spring Clean Up. We hope to combine this particular mourning job with a luncheon meeting to discuss B & G plans for near and future considerations. Please call me to indicate your interests. Thanks !

I wish to thank on behalf of all members, Bill, Scott, Joe and the members of the B & G committee, for their support and work efforts last season. Although we have no major projects to match the deck of last year there will be a number of significant

considerations, such as upgrading of electrical to Spar shed. Your thoughts on any upgrades would be appreciated.

The rental of our facilities has been questioned from time to time, so to help clarify the RYC position on Club rentals you may refer to the following:

Rental Fee:           Members-----125.00 + HST

                          Non-members-----200.00 + HST

A \$ 50.00 damage deposit is necessary to confirm. Members are defined as Dry Land and/or Family Members. Members rates apply only for family events or personal use---not business related otherwise non-member rate applies. There is a deposit refund providing the facility is left in the condition found or no special garbage (dumpster) pickup is required.

RYC is available to rent providing there is no conflict with any RYC function or Sailing event. All rentals are posted i.e., dates, times etc. The washroom facilities are always open to our members (common sense should apply here). All rental fees, apart from deposits, are to be paid prior to or day of the rental.

The Club will be open on weekends beginning April 7.

Want to sponsor or donate a tree or shrub? Call Gord.

Applications for student employment for the season will be accepted until May 1, 2001. Forward Resumes to: Gord Foster---8 Wharf Road—Rothesay, N.B. E2E 5X1

Have a great season and don't hesitate to volunteer.     **Thanks Gord Foster**

## **Harbour Master**

Wow, that was some winter!! Someone once said you need to have a bad one to appreciate the good ones, we are well experienced in the bad side for some time to come, now bring on the summer.

The harbour this year is going to be a very busy place. Plans for the 2001 season include the completion of the mooring inspection that was started last year. Again a list will be posted with the results of the inspection and any gear changed out. If you are not sure of your mooring, leave your name with Bill and we will look after things. Also in the plans this year are the numbering of all the moorings, this will go a long way towards answering the questions on who owns what.

Other items for this year include the placement of a tide board, and soundings of the harbour, and upgrading the existing club mooring at Scouts Beach, and the

placement of a second mooring. We also plan to investigate a set of range lights for the harbour approach.

An application for test dredging in harbour was submitted in February. We anticipate approval for the project and are scheduling the work for late summer. The results of the dredging will be the first step in making some long range plans for harbour upgrades in the coming years.

New for this season, the club will be selling poly rope. This is a trial for this year only, and depending on demand we could look at doing this on a regular bases. Rope size will be 1/2" and 3/4" in lengths of 150'. The price will be determined at the time, but indications are that it could be a savings of 40-50%.

Joe's Loft will be in operation again this season, so if anyone requires mooring equipment, see Joe.

Paul Creamer



## CYA

Although membership in the CYA is a voluntary act the Board of RYC highly recommends that RYC members join this most useful institution. When you get your new membership application in the Spring of 2001 you will notice a part of the form concerning CYA. Why not join, the fee is low.

**There is a fine line between "hobby" and "mental illness"**

**A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.**

**When trouble arises and things look bad, there is always one individual who perceives a solution and is willing to take command. Very often that individual is crazy.**