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Rothesay Yacht Club

Best Little Yacht Club in the East

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Commodore's Message

March Madness means a lot of different things to different people, perhaps it's a state of mind, bound by the constraints of what seems to have been a peculiarly harsh winter for some, great recreational conditions for others, but surely a time for all of us to ponder the opportunities the new season offers. Soon, the boat covers come off, and the reality of prep work hits. At this writing, there is still three feet of ice in the river, however, I did see some ducks lurking around the cove. A positive sign. So, no need to panic.

Your directors have been quite active, meeting monthly, laying out plans for improvements and changes which we trust will be perceived in the best interests of all members.

On the fiscal side, we are proposing no increase to the family membership rate, but modest increases in support services. Several projects designated and underway for this year include testing of the harbour for bedrock and sediment depth, mooring upgrades, ramp repair for power boat launching, upgrade and replacement of power lines to the docks, review and revision of the junior sailing programme following , for the first time, a significant

presence at the boat show, and the implementation of a security gate system leading to the docks. Regarding the gate to the docks, all members will be given a key to the docks following payment of membership fees. The launch ramp will also be keyed and designated for member use only. This is a departure from previous practice, but one which has been widely encouraged by the membership.

Several other initiatives which I hope you will consider being involved in include a man overboard seminar and practical retrieval experience as it applies to your boat, (an afternoon to be determined....watch the notice board) some volunteer work to upgrade the grounds, some friendly Sunday afternoon races, and more....directors reports are more specific and detail their particular projects. As we are primarily a volunteer club, please consider once again, offering your help.

Members Day has proven to be very successful in welcoming new members and affording all of us the opportunity to get reacquainted and share good times. Please check the date on the fixture card and join in. This is an important function in welcoming new families. (And the food is great)

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We are very fortunate to have the opportunity, in this wonderful land, on this beautiful river, to be with nature and part of a precious environment. I trust, that as responsible boaters of all kinds, that we shall continue to do our part in encouraging clean and safe practices.

Please do not hesitate to discuss any issues or offer suggestions to any of the directors. I thank, on your behalf, this team for their efforts and leadership. I certainly appreciate their counsel and enthusiastic support. Have a great sailing season.

Gord Foster DETENTE

RE: NORTH SAILS SEMINAR, MARCH 1/03

RYC was strongly represented at the recent "Cruising and Heavy Weather Sailing" in Halifax with eight members attending. The seminar touched very briefly on a wide range of topics. Unfortunately, there was not much detail on anything in particular. There were, however, some interesting tips on sail trim for both power and speed.

There is a workbook and CD-ROM, which some members purchased. If interested, you may be able to borrow same.

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This year will see the introduction of a new race series "**Sunday Family Racing**". The idea is to have a 5 race series on Sunday afternoons which will be "family" oriented. That is, white sail only, easy courses, with races beginning at 2:00 PM and finishing by 4:30. Possibly a family BBQ after the race. Boats will be handicapped under phrf format and there will be a trophy awarded at the closing banquet. The trophy will be awarded on the basis of the boats 3 best finishes(you do not have to participate in all races to qualify) There will also be a get together with those interested to review basic race rules etc.

please indicate your interest by e-mail to John Moir at moirj@fundy.net



March 29, 2003



This is my first report as Building and Grounds Director and I am looking forward to helping improve the physical image of the club over the next year. We should all thank Gordon for a job well done over the past 2 years and I think, as Commodore, he will serve the club well.

The executive has approved the B&G budget for this year. Some of the things we are hoping to accomplish this summer are:

- Finish the electrical upgrade to the spar shed which was started last year;
- Add an electrical out or two behind the boats on the Southeast side of the driveway;
- Install an additional dusk to dawn light on the new pole in the parking lot;
- Install a new RYC sign at the entrance to the club by the end of the gravel driveway;
- Install a “members and guests only” sign for when approaching the club from the wharf;
- Clear and grade the area between the spar shed and the water for junior sailing;
- Install a drip roof over the side door;
- Grade the roadway to level it on the sharp turn between the yard and the wharf;

This summer, once again, we shall be hiring two students; and a third one if we can get a grant. Our wish is to have someone on site from 9 AM to 9 PM from June 1 to Labour Day, and 9 AM to 6 PM Saturdays and Sundays in September. Bing Wallace, whom we hired last year to take over from our retiring club manager, Bill Snodgrass, has decided not to return this year, so we are currently looking for a new club manager. Bill Snodgrass will be returning this year on May 5 to June 27, and again from September 1 to October 31.

On another note, we are looking for volunteers to help out with some things around the club, such as: planting flowers and shrubs, grounds inspections, window box flowers, etc. If you can help out, please give me a call. That's it for now.

Mike Brennan

PS: Rod, you better get a good look at the bow of Imagination II at launch. With our new secret weapons, it'll be the last time you see it!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Pot Luck	April 19, 7 PM
Spring AGM	May 4, 7 PM
Launch Weekend	May 23 & 24
Members Day	June 8 1 PM
Hot Dog Cruise, Scout's Beach	July 26
St. Andrews Cruise	June 28 & 29
River Cruise	July 11 - 20
Tall Tails Night, Lobster/Steak	Sept. 27 7 PM
1 st Haul out	Sept. 20
2 nd Haul out	Oct. 18
Pot Luck Closing Ceremony	Nov. 1 7 PM
Fall AGM	Nov. 2 7 PM
Christmas Party	Dec.13 7 PM
New Years Levee	Jan. 1 Noon

Always of Interest

RYC FEE SCHEDULE: ADD HST TO ALL ITEMS

Entrance Fee	\$300
Family	\$515
Dry land	\$265
Associate	\$60
Student	\$68
Launch => 30'	\$60
Launch < 30'	\$50
Haul out => 30'	\$60
Haul out < 30'	\$50

CYA \$15 NO H.S.T.

Berths: end on/ Beam Ft	\$22
Berths: Side on LOA/ Ft	\$22
Dock Electrical	\$75
Yard Storage =>30'	\$95
Yard Storage <30'	\$75
Mast Storage	\$40

Club House Available for Family & Dry Land Members for a rental fee of \$ 125 plus deposit.
For Available Bookings,

Call Michael Brennan 849-2963

Problem

I received a rather angry letter from a member (I won't state the sex) stating that certain things are sacred and sacrosanct and you just shouldn't fool with that. They wanted to know if this was an attempted repair of a club head or revenge for some perceived injustice that had occurred at home----and who sold **her** the duct tape?



To all those interested in Sailing in 2003.

This year we are sending out our applications for the Junior Sailing Courses earlier than in past years and our aim is to fill the program before the season begins. There are some very good and exciting reasons for this:

- We plan to implement a strategy for the gradual replacement of our older boats such as the Laser IIs and Cadets with either some newer 420s or an exciting new class ‘the Buzz’.
- We are introducing a new course for those aged between 7 and 9 – this will be an introduction to water activities, including sailing, swimming, motor boats and other activities.
- We plan to form an ‘RYC Racing Team’ to encourage those sailors who have completed their courses, to continue to develop their skills within the club, and then go on to compete in Provincial, National and International events.
- We plan to build a new clubhouse dedicated to Junior Sailing. This will improve the facilities to enable us to attract the next generation of young sailors as well as promote the sport of dinghy sailing and foster a strong ‘club spirit’.
- And for those of you who know the club... we will also be using a new launch and retrieval system for the boats - launch dollies!

To carry out our highly ambitious plans we need early commitment from those who wish to take part in our program – hence this advance notice. So act early to guarantee a place.

Why are we doing all this? Our goal is threefold:

- **To promote the sport of sailing**
- **To encourage the development of the youth of our area and**
- **To build the RYC Junior Sailing Program into one of the very best in the country.**

Sailing is a great sport, it breeds confidence, develops personal skills, is very affordable, and is open to any child age 7 and over. So...Are you or your children interested in being part of our plans for this year?

If you are...please call one of the directors listed below, or e-mail ryc@canoemail.com for a registration form or further information.



We are accepting registrations from February 9, 2003...so we recommend that you get your applications in NOW! Please note that places are limited and early registration will ensure your acceptance into the desired program dates.

Happy Sailing.

George, Steven, MacGregor, Lindsay, Erin

Junior Sailing at SuperStore on a Wet Saturday



Harbour Master

The first job of the season was completed on March 22 when Rod gave me a hand to secure the poles. So now that we have started, lets get going!!

I would like to thank Del Tait for his work on a mooring plan. We now have an updated drawing of our harbour showing the exact location of all the moorings. A Copy of the drawing along with a mooring list will be available at the club. All members are reminded to ensure their top chain is marked with a brass tag.

We have an active plan for the harbour this season, we plan to work with about 20 moorings, and a list of the proposed work will be on display at the club.

We also submitted application for a temporary break water concept. I'm quite excited about the prospects and hope to have more information available for the AGM.

The club will have a supply of rope and shackles again this year. Prices will be posted at the club, comments from the membership last year were positive, even Rod thought it was a good idea!!

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon, if you have any harbour concerns, please let me know. **Paul Creamer**

2003 Club Price List

RYC will have a supply of mooring gear available to its members. The rope is a very good price with about a 40% saving over the local shop prices. The Poly rope the club has is Superdan brand. This is a superior product used in the fishing industry.

How good is it you ask?? If we compare the regular 3/4" poly rope available at the local shops we would find the breaking strength of that rope to be about 10,000 pounds. The Superdan poly rope of the same size has a breaking strength of 16,000 pounds. For the record, the 3/4" nylon that we see around the club has a breaking strength of about 13,000 pounds. So, if you want to purchase rope that is 60% stronger, and costs 40% less than the local prices, come and talk to us.

POLY ROPE	Price/foot
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1/2"	.20
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5/8"	.35
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3/4"	.40
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Crosby Shackles			
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1/2"	\$8.00	5/8"	\$12.00	3/4"	\$16.00
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3/4 Swivel	10.00	(Swivels should be changed out every five years)
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1/2" top chain	\$5.00/ foot	(average mooring will require about 15')
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Bottom chain	\$75 per length	(15' average)
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Complete Mooring Balls are also available at a cost of \$175.00.

Rothsday Yacht Club on the Web!

RYC will now have a presence on the World Wide Web. Thanks to the hospitality of the Kennebecasis Power and Sail Squadron, we will be able to post some information related to our club activities. The page currently under construction will provide details on our social events, race schedules, junior sailing classes, as well as key contacts to join our illustrious club and its officers. I invite you to visit the excellent Kennebecasis Power and Sail Squadron web site (<http://kennebecasis.cps-ecp.org/rychome.html>) and watch for developments under the RYC page.

Engine Make-Over!

For some time now we have been contemplating this strange little power plant under the companionway of Quiesce with all its rust, twenty year old motor mounts, vibrating shaft, leaking stuffing box, cracked hoses, and cantankerous RPM gauge.

Late in October, a crane pulled the Yanmar 3GMF out of Quiesce and loaded it on the back of a pick-up truck. After a quick transit to the family garage, we proceeded with and assessment of the situation (what have we done!) and meditation on the project at hand. Well after Christmas, following some studying of the Yanmar shop manual, we decided to tackle the project in earnest, and, after a copious number of pictures, proceeded with removing more and more of the parts and gizmos attached to the engine. The sight of a brand new 3GMF at the Halifax boat show contributed a fair share of motivation for the project and the folks at Liftow in Dartmouth assured us they could get all the parts.

After a somewhat cautious tear down, all parts were organized, cleaned, and identified. Using a combination of powered steel brushes, bench grinders and dremel wheels, rust was progressively eliminated and a coat of paint applied.

Liftow was contacted with a significant shopping list, consisting largely of gaskets, hoses, and seals. Of course the inevitable motor mounts were also ordered and amount to a somewhat astronomical amount themselves! The Yanmar manual recommends to change these every two years but we are convinced it is a typo? They MUST mean every 20 years!!!

Liftow did a commendable job identifying all the parts for the order, and even faxed us pictures of the parts that were difficult to pinpoint. They assure me the order will be at my door in 10 days. We'll comment on accuracy and pricing in the next issue.

In the meantime, the rejuvenation of Quiesce's engine is well underway. We are now faced with a good measure of sarcasm as to how many parts may be left after the re-assembly. The way we look at it is less parts = lighter, lighter = faster? Watch-out Rod!

Now can anybody recommend a good machine shop for a new propeller shaft?

Denise and Michel. /)

Dipper Harbour/St. Andrews Cruise-

It seems that the cruise to Dipper last June was well received and some interest was expressed to extend the trip to St. Andrews this year, as the weekend of June 28-29 is a long week-end extending to Canada Day July 1. The tides are right, and the opportunity to experience sailing in the Bay comfortably with friends seems opportune. Weather permitting!! Watch for further information with details, and a brief meeting time to gauge interest.

MEMBERS DAY

Picture your boat sailing, motoring in front of the clubhouse, having an action photo taken, (and getting a copy of same that day at the BBQ) meeting new members, getting reacquainted with others, enjoying the unique RYC view of the river...mark the day on your calendar.....you might even get some volunteer help to get your mast in, if necessary. JUNE 8, 1:00 PM....watch the notice board for particulars.

MAST and BOAT STORAGE

Please respect the time lines for removal of masts from the shed, and the clean up of your boat storage sight..... Sat. June 7th. Thanks for you co-operation.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Preparing our boats for launch and maintaining them throughout the season, requires that we use a lot of environmentally *Unfriendly* paints, fuels, lubricants, etc.. RYC has provided disposal barrels and a site for your use. Please use them! The **Dumpster** is NOT the receptacle for oils. Those products are recycled. Thank You!



Last Words

Junior Sailing and Learn to Sail applications are available now, if you don't already have one phone a director. Your Annual General Membership application form will be here very soon so fill it out rather than filing it for later !