

Jib Sheet

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Commodore's Message

The only thing I can really identify with Shakespeare is that neither of us has written anything for quite a while . . .oh well, here goes.

Its March! I'm cautious in saying its' been a great winter because in a dark part of my brain I fear that someone is playing a cruel joke on those of us who live to remove their tarps from their boats April 1st. You don't suppose . . . ?

However, I digress! It is March and life is good!

The 1998 Season was perhaps one of RYC's best. Members are more involved and enthusiastic than ever and this is evident in the great success we've enjoyed at our social functions and the ever growing popularity of our Club Cruise. Our thanks go out to all those who invest their time and energy into organizing and making these events happen for the rest of us.

Editor's Note: Just a short but much deserved thank you to the past editor of the Jib Sheet, Bob Loring, who decided to hang up his keyboard for a bit of a rest. The amount of effort that one person can put into this little publication has been brought home over the last little while and also explains why when Bob sent off each issue it was usually the first thing in the mail pile to be read and read eagerly. So in addition to thanking Bob for all his effort over the year's in making the Jib Sheet a First Class publication I'm going to throw in a bit of a plea for help from "club reporters" in the club membership to not be shy about getting articles or announcements to me so that we can try to maintain an interesting and informative newsletter for Rothesay Yacht Club. Thanks again Bob.

Don C.

Once again Bill and Connie Snodgrass hosted a fabulous New Year's Levy to kick off 1999. Many Thanks! A great time was had by all!

This winter the RYC board has been extremely busy dealing with major issues concerning club business, growth, and future development. May 2nd, at 7 PM will be the date of our annual Spring meeting. Please attend. This is an excellent opportunity for the membership to discuss and have impact into whats to happen in their club! You will be surprised at the progress being made. Some major repairs and renovations have had to be done at the club over the last few months due to structural deterioration.

These changes, some obvious, some not so easily noticed, have been positive ones, and we hope that the membership will understand their need in time. Do drop by and check out the Clubhouse.

The Buildings and Grounds work party that was called into action in January did a tremendous job in a very short time. Spending a few Saturdays with this group, made it clear that sailing stories are just as entertaining in the winter as the summer. We had a great time, a few laughs, and accomplished a lot. Thanks guys!

Now how about the rest of us? If you do have some free time, we have use for it. Don't forget to sign up for a few hours of volunteer service, and hey! Where are our younger sailors? Don't leave it all up to Mom and Dad! It's your club too!

Well, it's March 1st. The sun is shining, the temperature is bearable, the path to YAR is passable. Writing this to you has me

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True or False

1000 fathoms = 10 cables =
1.0 nautical mile = 6000 feet =
1828.8 meters

missing the very sight of her!

As Willie said
(Shakespeare not Snodgrass)
so aptly put it
"The rest is Silence"



Gail

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

In early January, a group was called together at the clubhouse to discuss the condition of the building and grounds. We set out a plan for repairs and improvements which were, I am pleased to say approved by the board in the 1999 budget. This work got underway with a work party January 30, in the clubhouse which removed the existing fireplace and begin repairs to a rotting floor. The upside of this is the new fireplace with gas insert is very functional. The new 200 AMP entrance is now installed in the clubhouse. This will allow some long awaited electrical upgrades, such as, a larger and more efficient hot water tank.

We have many members and friends of R.Y.C. who have donated time, materials and services to our work parties. Thanks very much!!!

There are no special committee members and we ask that you contact RICK STEWART 738-2695 to help with some of our upcoming work parties. This is a great way to work out your volunteer hours to save on membership fees. Before boating season begins, we still have a couple or more work parties planned. We have painting to do, a deck to build and foundation walls to be repaired etc.

We also have projects planned for staff this season. As usual, we expect Bill Snodgrass to start 1st. of May and the students as soon as they are available. We hope to hire two students who have some boating experience and resourceful work experience within our membership, to assist our club manager.

Remember that if you or any group in the general public would like to rent the Clubhouse for a function call Rick.

SEE YOU AT THE CLUB!!

River Cruise

This year, the RYC week long, river cruise will leave on Friday evening, July 9th, and head for an overnigher at either McCormick's Cove or the Milkish; for those who find it difficult to start until some time on Saturday, we will be in Whelpley's Cove that night. A more exact itinerary will be left in the Clubhouse a little closer to the date.

In the past, we have ambled our way up river, exploring the Washademoak, the Belleisle Bay and, sometimes, Grand Lake, and then headed home in more of a rush. This year, it has been suggested we might like to push on up the river a little faster and then take our time homeward bound. Suggestions on this from anyone interested in joining us this year would be more than welcome so that an itinerary can be worked out.

Don't forget - this is the RYC river cruise. i.e. sail and power. Also, for anyone who would like to come along but cannot take the full week, you can join us anywhere along the way - many do. Then again, you can leave early or simply spend a day or so doing your own thing and then rejoining the group. It's a fun week of sailing, sunning, swimming and socializing.

For new members - this is a great way to get to know your fellow boaters. There's nothing like rafting up with the group in the evening for supper, maybe watch the kids have a last swim (or join them), and then get together on someone's boat for a social evening. There are stops along the way for the kids to stretch their legs and win a few prizes, horseback riding on Catons Island on Saturday afternoon for anyone interested, and, of course, we always spend some time at Gagetown Marina to restock on fresh food, meats, veggies and, of course, ICE. There are some great restaurants if you don't want to do your own cooking, and crafts and places of interest to visit at Gagetown. If you've just got into boating and don't yet know your way around the river system, there's nothing like traveling with another member who has been up and down many times to test your chart reading and find out just where the sandbars and buoys are and where to find the best place to anchor for the night.

So don't forget - mark off the dates on your calendar - July 9/10th, returning to RYC on Sunday, July 18th, with a wonderful tan and even better memories.

For more information call Pip O'Neill at 832-5643.



Social Calendar 1999

March 20	Mystery Night at Shadow Lawn
April 24-Sat., 7:00 PM	Pot Luck
May 15-Sat., 7:00 PM	Pre-launch Pot Luck
June 26	Hot Dog Cruise to Scout's Beach More info later
July 1	Meehan's Cove for Canada Day Celebrations
August	In conjunction with the Commodore's Cup an Overnighter at Scout's
Sept. 25	Lobster Supper
Oct. 23	Awards & Closing Pot Luck
Dec. 11	Christmas Party

Three New Social Events at RYC This Year

Titanic/RYC Mischief Mystery Night on March 20, 1999 at Shadow Lawn. Cost is \$35.00 per person including meal and entertainment. The Jib Sheet may be out too late for this one but if not call Mike Gunter at 849-2460 or Debra Donaldson for more information.

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Hot Dog Cruise: Bring your boat, yourself, your family and anyone else you can shanghai to Scout's Beach at 1530 hours on June 26 and drop an anchor or raft up with a friend. Between 1700 and 1830 we will have cooking facilities on the beach for you and your family. Bring ashore hotdogs, hamburgers and beverages and cook your own. Meet new members and acquaint yourself with boating friends.

If the weather is bad (it never is !!!) we will have this event at the clubhouse starting at 1700 hours. For more information call Mike Gunter at 849-2460. Reservations are definitely not needed for this one.....

Fireworks, Swimming & Games: on July 1, our nation's birthday, you are invited to Meehan's Cove for Canada Day Celebrations. You should arrive before noon and stay until after dark for the fireworks. I would also like to encourage you to participate in the Parade of Light where boats are decorated with lights of any and all kinds and do a Sail Past in front of the beach. There are prizes for the best decorated in both power and sail boat classes.

Reservations are not needed. A schedule of events will be posted at the club by the last week of June and additional copies will be available at the clubhouse.

Please obey Coast Guard and Rothesay Regional Police instructions as to where to anchor and keep out of the restricted area during the fireworks display. This area will be marked off by the RRDD and Coast Guard Auxiliary boats displaying flashing blue lights. For more information or to participate in the Parade of Light call Mike Gunter at 849-2460.

New Safety Regulations

You may be aware that new regulations are being put in place by our Federal government regarding the operation of pleasure boats in Canadian waters. These changes range from the type of required equipment to the age of a vessel operator. The details of all of this will be available at the clubhouse in the form of brochures when they become available.

There are two members of the club, Bruce Hurst and Mike Gunter, who are both members of the Coast Guard auxiliary and either of whom would be glad to do a 'complimentary' inspection of your boat in order to advise you if you are missing any of the required safety equipment. They do not have any enforcement powers and only inspect boats they are invited on. Not so the case of the RCMP. They are now doing spot checks and if your boat does not comply with safety regulations you can be fined several hundred dollars so getting Mike or Bruce to do a complimentary inspection makes a lot of sense. For more information or to book a complimentary safety inspection call Mike at 849-2460 or Bruce at 847-7871.....

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A BIG THANK YOU!! All of us - adults, teens, youngsters (and even Mike's dog, Mollie) - who attended the tremendous RYC New Year's Day Levee hosted, on behalf of the Club, by Bill Snodgrass and his wife, Connie, now know one thing - this has become a tradition! Like, as in ...forever! What a wonderful way to unwind after all our Christmas festivities, and a great chance to wish other members Happy New Year. Without the Levee it might have been late Spring or even launch before we said 'Hello' to each other again. Bravo to Bill and Connie!! *Esther H.*

Mast---a religious service performed at the waterfront Heave to---what seasick sailors do
Sextant---a cover suspended over the cabin and cockpit to shade certain recreational activities

NOTES FROM THE GALLEY GOURMET - RYC STYLE

By Esther Hart

This article is the first of many (we hope) to whet your appetite, here are few saucy tidbits to get you thinking.

- Did you know Denis and Rita Marier grow their own fresh herbs in pots on board Dangiser each summer? Denis says herbs are healthy and you can cut back on salt. I'm interested in herb growing but more interested in what happens to these pots of herbs when a sudden gust hits while sailing. I know Denis has the answer, so, we herb lovers are listening, Denis. For many of us with only two burners and a barbeque (no propane oven) - did you know Connie Snodgrass has a friend who bakes (not just heats up) pizza in a cast iron fry pan on top of her BBQ, set on low. She says it is delicious. So, Connie, we want to know how long; what size cast iron fry pan; and, do we close the BBQ while cooking?

- Speaking of closing the BBQ - thoughts run to Bruce and Leslie Tennant. Seems Bruce was cooking pork chops on the open BBQ one evening last summer (I'm sure gourmet style à la Leslie) when there was an almighty roar! A seagull actually swooped down when Bruce wasn't watching and scooped up their pork chops, right off the hot BBQ! The roar? - Bruce. (And we've always thought - mild mannered, quiet voice ..) Bruce can really tell this story.

- Then, when I think of pork chops and seagulls, I remember my first time up-river with Jim. Jim kept saying - 'keep the food simple, keep it simple.' Jim's 'simple' is a baked potato and a steak. My 'simple' ranges further afield - very much further. So, there we were, stocked up for 7 or 8 days 'Up River.' I had grandiose ideas and bought not just pork chops but steak, ground beef, chicken breasts, then added scallops, shrimps and all those little delicacies - well, you know, hors d'oeuvres. ALL FROZEN in our small but adequate ice box in the galley, plus a cooler under the cockpit area. Hot summer! Lots of ice? No problem. Second day out (or maybe it was the third) the whole shebang thawed. Jim and I cooked what we could, ate what we could and then there were the seagulls! Don't, and I repeat, DON'T, throw your excess food overboard, no matter how biodegradable. The day we pitched (or should I say, I pitched) there wasn't a seagull in sight. Suddenly, there were twenty - gulping and squabbling - then looking for more, and more, and more - all the way up the river. The moral of this story is, like Jim says - 'Keep it simple.' He *LATER* told me we could stock up at various points along the river. Pip O'Neill, in her river cruise article will tell you all about the Marina in Gagetown, the country stores in Cambridge Narrows and, if the seagulls steal your food aboard, where to get further supplies and a home-cooked restaurant meal.

Rhumblin---three or more crew members waiting for a beverage
Head up---leaving the boat toilet seat up when the skipper is female
Sloop---a sailboat with beer and/or wine on the cockpit sole
Ketch---a sailboat with imported beer or good wine on the cockpit sole



Old But Still Make A Smile

A sailor meets a pirate in a bar, and they take turns recounting their adventures at sea. Noting the pirate's peg-leg, hook, and eye patch The sailor asks "So, how did you end up with the peg-leg?"

The pirate replies "We was caught in a monster storm off the cape and a giant wave swept me overboard. Just as they were pullin' me out, a school of sharks appeared and one of 'em bit me leg off".

"Blimey!" said the sailor. "What about the hook?" "Ahhhh...", mused the pirate, "We were boardin' a trader ship, pistols blastin' and swords swingin' this way and that. In the fracas me hand got chopped off."

"Zounds!" remarked the sailor. "And how came ye by the eye patch"?

"A seagull droppin' fell into me eye", answered the pirate.

"You lost your eye to a seagull dropping?" the sailor asked incredulously.

"Well..." said the pirate, "...it was me first day with the hook."

More on the New Boating Safety Regulations

New Boating Safety Regulations Expected to Save Lives

TORONTO - David Anderson, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, today unveiled changes to the regulatory framework governing recreational boating safety in Canada. The changes are designed to reduce the annual level of boating fatalities and accidents in Canada from their current levels of 200 and 6,000 respectively.

"These are not "made-in-Ottawa" solutions," said Minister Anderson. Describing the extensive consultations that gave rise to the regulations, Minister Anderson stated, "They result from an extensive process of dialogue with Canadians who share an interest in making our waters safer. These individuals are the real architects of these common-sense and balanced measures."

You should be advised that these regulations are now in place, ie., they are law. They deal with what you are required, under penalty of fine, to have on your boat in the manner of safety equipment and what qualifications the operators of marine vessels require. It is beyond the scope of the Jib Sheet to give you this information as it is fairly extensive but as mentioned earlier it will eventually be available in brochure form. If you have Internet access the Coast Guard has posted all of this with a good source of links at http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/COMMUNIC/NEWSREL/1999/hq02_e.htm

Theory has it that a mild winter allows water temps above normal in spring and summer. In the spring this usually leads to extra rain in the Maritimes while in the summer there is less temperature difference between the air and water and therefore less fog !!! Think about a Coastal cruise this year. We are blessed with some beautiful coast line in the Bay of Fundy, along the Coast of Maine and Nova Scotia which can be very interesting when you can see it.....

In the next issue we'll have a look at an RYC presence in Halifax next summer for the arrival of Transatlantic Tall Ship race... Summer 2000