

# Jib Sheet

Rothesay Yacht Club

Best Little Yacht Club in the East

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## Commodore's Message

It was early March, on a wintry Saturday night. I was busy preparing for March break, my mind wandering on some ski hill to be conquered, and debating whether to bring that extra bottle of red wine, when the phone brought me back to reality.

- "Did somebody leave the water on at RYC, because it sounds like a tap is wide open in there"? A quick trip to the club revealed a small plumbing problem, which converted half of the club house into a pond.

So started the boating season, for a number of volunteers who were called early on, to contribute to a significant and sustained renovation effort. Thanks to an excellent response, the club house went through an important transformation and is ready for business, looking better than ever.

## Editor's Note:

**Two, not too bright, sailors** sank their boat and ended up in the life raft. After three days (one without water, two without food and three without beer) they felt something bouncing up against the raft. When they looked, they found an oil lamp. After deciding that it probably wasn't a genie, they decided to try anyway. Sure enough, out pops a genie with an attitude. "I know your types, three wishes and back in the bottle. So I will only grant you one wish and I will be gone." The genius of the two blurts out " I want all the beer we could ever drink in a lifetime." The genie replies "So be it" disappears and turns the entire ocean to beer. The

It was only a sign of things to come, as water somehow found a way to bring all hands on deck once more. As the level of the river rose in early may, a second wave of volunteers responded to the call to move boats, and secure the docks that had not yet floated away!

While we are likely to experience a delayed launch, and congested grounds before launch, the boating season is upon us and we can all look forward to be spending that first night at a favorite anchorage.

Thanks to the attention of our directors this winter and the efforts of our staff, RYC will be as ready as ever. Look for our new Website, racing organization, sailing school, dock alterations, new club look, and even a new winch for Thumper! And be sure to keep a close eye on the progress accomplished by the wharf committee, with construction of the new break water scheduled for late fall.

With my ski gear now put away, and the boat commissioning checklist taped on the fridge, I am ready for the season, and look forward to see all RYC members out there.

**Quiesce out!**

**Mitch . \_/)**

other genius slaps his buddy upside the head and says "You idiot! Now we have to pee in the raft" Cheers!

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*Special Note:* With the delays caused by high water levels, watch for announcements on eventual changes on the regular schedule, especially around Members day.

## Schedule of Events

Launch Weekend	May 20-21	
Members Day	June 5	1:00 PM
Hot Dog Cruise	June 25	Post-Race
Scout's Beach		
River Cruise	July 8-17	
1st Haul Out	Sept 17	
Tall Tails Night, Lobster/Steak	Sept 24	7:00 PM
2nd Haul Out	Oct 15	
Pot Luck Closing Ceremony	Oct 22	7:00 PM
Fall AGM	Nov 6	7:00 PM
Christmas Party	Dec 17	7:00 PM
New Years Levee	Jan 1	Noon

## Launch & Haul Best Practices

By Greg Colpitts

Quick Tips:

- Bow & Stern Lines securely fastened and coiled at ground level
- Strap location marks on port & starboard side
- Mark keel placement on cradle
- Check trailer tires
- Check through hull and sensors
- Paint behind cradle pads
- Bring a friend
- Get to the wharf early

*( By following these simple and courteous practices you will avoid being beaned off the head by the large water balloon cannon Greg is building on the Club lawn-or so he promises ! )*

## **RYC Berths and Docks**

I would like to welcome everyone back on the docks this year. Most of you have responded to my earlier email and that has been very helpful. Only one small powerboat is not returning this year. There is a waiting list for both power and sail that will keep the docks fully utilized. However, there are no new spots for sailboats as yet. We have an idea or two that may make the space utilization more efficient but I cannot make any plans based on that as yet.

The upgrade plans for this year include additional power outlets, both shore power plugs and conventional 3-prong plugs. This includes one at the end of each T-dock for occasional use by people not on the docks. We have applied for a grant to replace the pump out system but have not heard back on that as yet. We should hear about that very soon. Clear instructions as to the pump out's use will be posted in a weatherproof form to improve its use and compliance. An additional float on the dinghy dock will reduce some of the congestion. At some point the red boxes on "A" and "B" docks will be replaced to allow for more plugs and safety.

We will need help launching the docks and fitting them out. The time and dates will be distributed once we have decided when to proceed. We had a good turnout last year and that allowed the job to be completed in one day, a first I heard.

This section includes the reminders for the use of the docks. Unfortunately it contains several items that may not be very popular but we need to keep them in mind.

**1-**Boats may not be left on the docks overnight unless they are in designated slips. There were many nights when this occurred last year and it is not a practice that can continue. There may be the rare night when leaving a boat on a dock is necessary. If someone feels that to be the case, please make arrangements with John Boyd. If he is not available please contact me, the commodore or vice-commodore.

**2-**Use of power overnight necessitates the payment of the power fee (\$75). The fee is to support the infrastructure, not necessarily the power consumption.

**3-**Until the breakwater is in place, whenever that might or might not be, the boats must be removed from the docks when the forecasted winds are expected to exceed 40km/h, 25mph or 20 knots from the southwest. We all detest this but it is necessary to protect the docks, other boats and minimize the risk to people on the docks. If you expect to be unable to comply with this because of being out of town for instance, please remove your boat before you leave. RYC staff will not be moving boats without the owner or designate on board. Each boat must have a mooring or be readily removed by trailer. This is a condition of being a member as agreed to by each of us on signing the application form.

**4-**The gate to the docks will be locked by the staff as they leave each night. The position of the gate may be further away from the shore to enhance its effectiveness. Dinghies may not be tied up on the dock between the shore and the gate. As of this Jib Sheet, the same key will be used this year.

**Think sun and fair winds!**

**Hugh Scarth**



This photo was contributed by Denis Marier and the two characters you see are Gord Foster on the left with Bruce Tennant on the right. The award Bruce received was for Outstanding Achievement in recognition of Long Standing Tenure and Dedication to Rothesay Yacht Club. Anyone who knows Bruce is aware of the many years he has spent serving on the Board of Directors and Flag Officers. This was in his official capacity at the Club but he fulfilled and still does, the unofficial role of chief guide not only to the more scenic spots and great anchorages on our beautiful river systems but also introduced neophytes ( myself being one ) to the great cruising grounds of the Atlantic Provinces and USA. We not only hope but know that this is just the beginning of another phase of this tradition and that Scrimshaw II will be a formidable presence , as will Bruce, for many years to come.

## 2005 Mooring Work

The following is a list of the proposed mooring work to be conducted in 2005. The information for this work comes from the harbour records over the last few years.

Materials for the chain and shackle replacement are available at the club.

Any mooring that we have no information on will be inspected free, any required work will be completed and billed to member.

Relocating moorings at owner's request is \$50.

#	Mooring #	Owner	Task	Completed	Remarks
1	1	Rob McLean	<b>Mooring lost, locate</b>		
2	28	Gail Christison	<b>Inspect top chain</b>		For sale as of March 31, 2005
3	36	Don Cudmore	<b>Inspect top chain</b>		
4	53	Derrick DeLong			Sort out # with 57
5	59	C. Evans	<b>Inspect bottom</b>		Diver required
6	63	A. White	<b>Inspect top chain</b>		
7	64	R. Vincent	<b>Inspect top chain</b>		New owner??
8	67	George Fisk	<b>Inspect top chain</b>		
9	69	G. Colpitts	<b>Inspect top chain</b>		

### Crosby Shackles

### Poly Rope

1/2"	\$8.00	1/2"	.20/ft
5/8	\$12.00	5/8"	.35/ft
3/4	\$16.00	3/4"	.40/ft
3/4 Swivel	20.00 (Swivels should be changed out every five years)		
1/2" top chain	\$5.00/ foot (average mooring will require about 15')		
Bottom chain	\$75 per length (15' average)		
New blocks	\$175 (2000 pounds)		
Lifting mooring	\$50		

Complete Mooring Balls are also available at a cost of \$175.00.

Price last updated 9/4/05, may change as new supplies are purchased.

## From the Harbour

Spring has sprung by the looks of things, and it will not be long before we can get on the boats again. Just a couple of reminders to make sure your boating season remains positive.

Spend a little time on your mooring ball before you install it this spring. There have been failures in the mooring gear over the last few years, some could have been prevented with a good visual inspection.

Some of the things to check for are:

Make sure the number is clearly visible

If you have not changed out your swivel in the last few years, **NOW** is the time. We are recommending ¾" swivels as replacements.

Shackle pins should be secured.

Mooring ropes checked for signs of chaffing.

Top chain wear.

There will be a supply of rope, shackles, swivels, and chain available at the club again this year. If you are not sure what you need, see myself or John Boyd for assistance.

This years mooring inspection will be completed in July and August. We are looking to inspect the remainder of the moorings that were not looked at in the last two years. If you have a concern regarding your mooring, let us know, and we will do our best to make any improvements required.

See you on the river...

Paul Creamer

## Sailing Director

It's my first year as Sailing Director and I look forward to hearing your ideas on the sailing programs at RYC and how we can make things more enjoyable for all members. Rod Crowther did a great job as past Director getting many boats out for our club races and events. We have a fun and informal environment at the club and we hope to continue growing the programs this year. The sailing committee consists of Rob Ward, Syd Brittain, Phillip Pugsely, Dan Finney, and myself. If you are interested in sailing and/or racing and would like to join the committee, we would love to have you as part of the team. Just drop me a email ([kriver2@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:kriver2@nbnet.nb.ca)) or give me a call at 847-9943.

If you have never taken your boat *club racing* you should give it a try. It's a great way to get familiar with your boat, improve your skills and get great free advice from other sailors.

The 2005 fixture card were sent via email so you should have yours by now. If not let us know. You can also get hard copies at the club from John Boyd. Some of highlights and changes for this year are:

1. Addition of a new club race called the "Overnighter". This will be held during the full moon on August 19<sup>th</sup>. We plan a 7:00 pm start and sail over night to a destination upriver. If you just

want to cruise that weekend you can just do half the race and moor upriver The racers will continue back to the club for the ultimate endurance race. We also added a trophy for die hard racers that is based on PHRF results only.

2. We had great sponsors (Dykemans, Remax, RBC Securities and Sun Microsystems) for our fixture card and website this year. This will allowed us to purchase \$400 worth of door prizes for this years closing dinner. Every time you attend a club event you will get a ticket for these door prizes so the more you come out and play the better your chances.
3. We will continue with our year end Thursday night "fun races" using Bermuda starts where the fastest boats start last and have to catch the fleet. We also plan a year end raft up party on Scouts Beach.
4. We are working with RKYC this year to combine the Digby Races on Sept 17-18<sup>th</sup>.
5. If you never raced before you may be interested in our "Racing for Dummies Clinics" or our "Borrow a skipper program". Watch for some upcoming emails.
6. We would like to grow our sport and our club. We encourage everyone to invite their friends and family to come out and crew during a race and to introduce them to sailing. Also, if you're short crew or would like to crew also let us know, we'll see what we can do to help "Hook you Up". We can also grow our club by encouraging regular crew members to join as associates.
7. We have added some cool stuff to the website like a 2005 web event calendar designed by Mike Brennan. The website is also updated with the latest 2005 fixture card, applications, etc. Check it out at [www.rothesayyachtclub.com](http://www.rothesayyachtclub.com)

Good luck to all cruisers and racers this year and we hope to see lots of new faces out for Thursday Night and weekend races. If the water levels don't drop soon, the first race may be twenty laps around my house.

**Cheers,  
Wayne Hatfield  
Kanasta Eden**

Two birds are shooting the breeze on a tree at RYC.  
I guess spring must be around the corner"  
How do you figure"?  
The sailors have migrated back"

**Mitch . \_/)**

A rope enters a bar only to be evicted by the bar tender who said "  
We don't serve your kind here!"  
The rope, used to this kind of treatment, ties up one of its ends and  
unravels the other end. It then enters the bar again.  
The bar tender immediately says - "Hey! Are you that rope by any  
chance"  
----- "No I am a frayed knot"!-----

## After 6PM Rum & Coke

Leech- A crewmember that never seems to have a dime when its time to pay for drinks or meals.

Luff- The Front part of a sail that everyone but the helmsman seems to pay attention to (see also Telltales)

Sheet- A line made to rip gloves or hands part. Has ability to tangle on anything.

Backstay- The last thing to grab as your falling overboard

Stem Fitting- The hole made in a competitors boat when your helmsman misjudges a Port /Starboard crossing

Hatch- A hole to fall into

Companionway- Another name for a hole to fall into

Heave to-Newcomers quite often find themselves heaving too

Pop the Chute-The sound a Poly Chute makes just as it blows apart (see America One)

Helmsman-The nut attached to the rudder through a steering mechanism



## Bizarro

By Dan Piraro



## Last Words



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