

# *Jib Sheet*

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

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### ***Commodore's Message***

November is not my favourite time of year as you all probably know by now. If my depression over the onset of winter months is evident in this message, rest assured it is nothing that the advent of Spring won't remedy!

Two years as Commodore - in some ways its flown by - in others.... oh well! In any case, this has really been a learning experience for me. I leave this position with a new found respect for board management and a great admiration for, and gratitude to, the directors that willingly become involved in this management process. I sincerely thank each and every director that has worked for the Club during my term. They have provided great debates from which good decisions have been made. Our general membership benefits from, and thanks you for, your time, thought and efforts.

Bill Snodgrass, Scott Stewart and Joe Creamer have once again kept us operational through another season - thank you, and have a great winter guys!

The year is winding down and its been a

great year at RYC. Starting with launch, then members day (remember the weather!), on to the best cruise ever, a successful Jr. Sailing programme, an ever expanding race programme that was the highlight of the summer for our racers. RYC has been a busy place, providing us with great memories to see us through the cold winter months.

One of the biggest successes of the season has to have been the deck that Gord Foster and his crew built for us. On behalf of all our members, I want to thank them for the great job and note, as well, that the tree replenishing programme has already enhanced our grounds.

Our harbour also was the recipient of much attention this summer. Thank you, Paul Creamer, for all your hard work and effort put into making our harbour safer for all of us. If you haven't already had your mooring checked, speak to Paul about having it done next season. As they say, a chain is only as strong as its weakest link! (Hey - that's good, eh?)

Now then, my last plea ... How about YOU? Why don't you get involved in

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the Club? Come to our annual meetings; give us your ideas; give us your complaints; just give us your input. Members' participation will result in member decisions. For this to happen we need YOU!!!

Summer is gone. As we cover up our boats and prepare for Old Man Winter, remember - next spring when the ice leaves the river, we will once again be the luckiest sailors alive - to be at home and enjoying one of the most beautiful sailing spots in the world.

When you see Yar, come by for a visit. Have a safe and Happy Winter Season.

The Captain and Crew of the good ship,

Yar.

## **ROTHESAY YACHT CLUB**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Sunday 26 November 2000**

**at the clubhouse**

**---at 7:00 pm---**

*Support your club.*

*Take this opportunity to elect your board for next year  
Hear reports on this years activities; treasury, junior sailing, membership, building and grounds, harbour, berths and docks, racing, social, jib sheet, launch and haul. Bring up what you're happy with or what you'd like improved  
See you there!*



## Harbor Masters report

2000 was a busy summer in the RYC harbor. A total of 50 moorings were inspected, and several bottom and top chains were replaced. The state of some of the mooring equipment was very surprising. Samples of a few of the old moorings were on display in the yard on what came to be known as the tree of chain shame. If your mooring was not checked in 2000, it is strongly recommended that you indicate your need for an inspection on next year's registration form.

The large number of moorings inspected and upgraded was possible mainly due to three factors.

The membership agreeing to have their mooring inspected for free. Most of the membership indicated agreement to the inspection program on the 2000 registration form. Some members elected to have a diver conduct an inspection, and this is also a very positive way to insure the mooring is in good condition. A divers inspection however is not as thorough as a surface inspection.

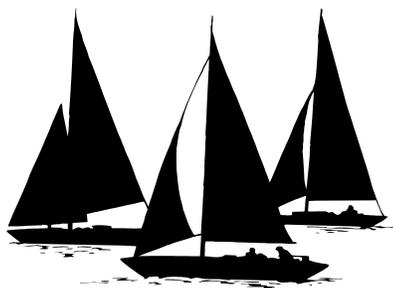
Secondly the hard work of the staff who assisted me in the actual inspections. For this the fellows all deserve much credit, a special thanks to Scott who seemed to be working days during the majority of the inspections.

Third, to the club having a supply of replacement chain and shackles on hand. This resulted in making the required replacements all at the same time. In the past the mooring owner was left to obtain the required components that needed changing, and the mooring would be picked up a second time to make the changes.

A list is posted at the club indicating the moorings inspected and work completed. Plans are in place to inspect the remaining moorings in 2001.

Overall our harbor is far safer with the amount of work completed. It's sad to see the season come to a close; hopefully Old Man Winter's intrusion will pass quickly.

Paul Creamer



### Propeller:

Underwater winch designed to wind up at high speed any lines or painters left hanging over the stern.



**Wow** - don't know about you, but I sure must be getting old! It really does seem like yesterday that we were all celebrating New Year's Eve at RYC (or elsewhere) and wondering how all our computers were going to make out at 12:01 a.m. in the year 2000. Well, they made it and, apparently, so did we. And now we can look forward to the start of the REAL new Millennium.

The point is, July came and then went. (Not to mention all those other months, too). The cruise was great fun - we even managed to make the Sunflower, or circle again this year.

In spite of the weather we still had our BBQ on Gagetown Wharf. I have memories of arriving in Gagetown just as the skies decided to let go with two tons of water and rafting up on the Wharf about three deep in rather high winds. This was a first, as Gagetown is usually about 100 degrees in the shade in July and a great place for ice cream.

However, the Lions didn't let us down - as soon as the rain stopped, out came the BBQ and steaks and chicken were soon cooked and served along with potato and other salads and (yum, yum) apple pie. It was great.

Another highlight was at Douglas Harbour in Grand Lake where we joined up with the Martinon Cruise for a day - they were holding their Toga Party and we were met by Cleopatra herself, along with Mark Anthony and Caesar (all in their togas and laurel crowns, etc.) who personally welcomed us to join their feast (and feast it was). Maybe we can come up with

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something of our own next year and return the hospitality. We had our fireworks there, also (many thanks to Dale Mott for not only providing the fireworks but for his (annual) expertise at lighting them and not setting his hair on fire).

Thanks to Denise and Mitch Sanscartier who loaned their boat for the Auction - and of course, to Hugh Cannell for his expert auctioneering (there's a second career for you Hugh if you decide to give up lawyering). However, most thanks have to go to all the members who kept bidding (I think Rod deserves a special mention in that context) and now we have a grand total of \$818.50 to go to the Junior Sailing programme. (This total over the 1999 cruise and the 2000 cruise).

So, once again, many thanks to all who participated.

*Pip*

**Gimbals:** Movable mountings often found on shipboard lamps, stoves, , etc., which provide dieting passengers an opportunity to observe the true motions of the boat in relation to them, and thus prevent any recently ingested food from remaining in their digestive systems

### Buildings & Grounds

As the season closes, I wish to thank all members for their support and cooperation during haulout-**re:** boatyard and mast storage. Space is at a premium thus some minor rearranging was necessary. A *special thank you* to all those who built the deck. It seems to have

been a popular decision to move forward with this project---the construction team of volunteers did a fabulous job---*well done*. Thank you Bill, Joe and Scott for providing the skill effort and support throughout the season. Our facility has gone through some significant upgrades, thanks to your work, we appreciate it.

Update on plantings---firstly, thanks to Jean Hickman for planting and tending our flower boxes. Trees & shrubs---three flowering crabs, Ivory silk lilac, three Austrian pines (donated), Hosta (donated), Staghorn sumac (donated)

The Club will be open on week ends in October and April for the convenience of members. If you have any suggestions or ideas for Building & Grounds, please don't hesitate to contact me.

**Gord Foster**

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## The 2000 Race Series Results

Below are listed sailors and their placement in specific events. This does not represent all those who raced, not by a long stretch. In a number of races the turnout was better than races held at RKYC who like to think of themselves (rightly or wrongly) as the 'Racing Club'. It was a banner year for "Around the Buoys".

### **Dick Oland**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Commodore Cup
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Long Distance Race
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Great Ale Race

### **David LeClue**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Spring Series
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Long Distance Race
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fall Series

### **Robert Janes**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Great Ale Race
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Fall Series

### **Rod Crowther**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Commodore Cup

### **Miriam Heeney**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Great Ale Race

### **Ron Margeson**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Spring Series

### **Don Fitzpatrick**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Single Handed Race

### **Syd Brittain**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Spring Series

### **Andrew White**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Single Handed Race

### **Gary Sudul**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Single Handed Race

### **Hugh Scarth**

- Cruising Cup

### **Mariner**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Fall Series
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Frost Bite Series
- 1<sup>st</sup> Marcus Trophy

### **Ultimate Investment**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Marcus Trophy
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Frost Bite Series

### **Hard Tack**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Marcus Trophy
- 1<sup>st</sup> Frost Bite Series

### **Fine Print**

### **Rhiannon**

### **Xanadu**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Long Distance Race

### **Allegro**

### **Shelsea**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Commodore Cup

### **EastWind**

### **Happenstance**

### **Suture Self**

*Race On  
Rod*

## Joys of Sailing! or How to get ready for a sailing cruise

1. Sleep on the shelf in your closet.
2. Replace the closet door with a curtain.
3. Put a wall across the middle of you bathtub and move the shower head down to chest level.
4. When taking showers, shut off the water while soaping.
5. Bring inside some type of gas motor (lawn mower, garden tiller, etc.), start, and leave running while trying to listen to favorite CD, or having an in depth conversation.
6. Wake up at midnight and have a peanut butter and jelly sandwich on stale bread. Cold canned ravioli or soup, is optional.
7. Once a month, pick a major appliance, take it completely apart, and put it back together.
8. Put a florescent light under the coffee table, and lay there to read a book..
9. Run into the kitchen and sweep all the pots, pans and dishes off of the counter onto the floor, then yell at the mate for not having the place "stowed for sea".
10. Every time there's a thunderstorm, go sit in a wobbly rocking chair and rock as hard as you can until you're nauseous.
11. Raise the thresholds and lower the top sills on your front and back doors of your house so that you either trip over the threshold or hit your head on the sill every time you pass through one of them.

Final  
Last Words



.No matter what happens, somebody will find a way to take it too seriously.

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.