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Rothesay Yacht Club Best Little Yacht Club in the East

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Commodore's Message

As another sailing season draws to a close, perhaps it's a good time to reflect on the many successes the Club has enjoyed over the past months.

The year started off with a very successful Members Day which involved a sail past and a bar-b-q. New members from recent years were individually invited and were presented with club burgees.

Junior sailing had the most successful summer ever due in large part to the purchase of eight new training boats and as well to the many volunteers who came forward to assist with the program.

Editor's Note:

Just like to make mention, in case anybody missed the article in the newspaper, that a new web site of historical importance to R.Y.C. was recently created. It is called "Sailing on the Kennebecasis: A Pictorial History of the Rothesay Yacht Club". Bruce Tennant kindly donated his photo collection for scanning. If you have access to a computer and the Web this is a great site both in design and content and just the sheer volume of quality photographs. The site can be reached at <http://rothesaylivingmuseum.nbed.nb.ca> Some other sites of sailing interest inside...

As always, the River Cruise was the highlight of the summer, upwards of 28 boats, Great Sailing, Great Fun.

Thursday night races were well attended and hotly contested.

On the land, the clubhouse and grounds continued to be well looked after.

The spar shed electrical upgrade is well underway and this will allow improved service to the docks.

There are many more things that I could list but I'm sure I'd forget something. It has been very gratifying to have such a dedicated and capable team of Directors. As well we all owe a vote of thanks to all the staff who keep the Club running on a day to day basis.

I would like to invite all members to attend the Fall General Meeting in November and if you have any questions, concerns or comments we would be glad to hear them.

Finally, in closing, thanks to all members for your cooperation and understanding. R.Y.C. is truly a members club. It is the camaraderie and helping atmosphere that makes us the best yacht club in N.B.

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Social Events

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

Hopefully

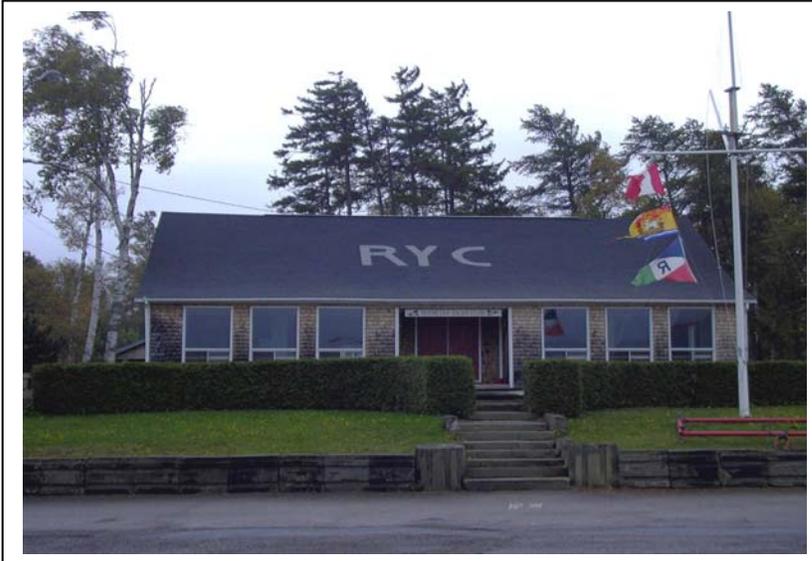
Some sites that may hold some interest to boaters.

http://www.westmarine.com/webapp/commerce/command/ExecMacro/west_advisor.d2w/advisors

<http://www.sailnet.com/collections/cruising/>

<http://www.cruisingworld.com/>

**From the Turn
of Two
Different
Centuries**



Our Harbour

It was another busy year in the harbour. We are very pleased to report that the mooring inspection program has been completed. All moorings with the exception of one that was on bottom during the inspection time frame were looked at and upgraded as required. This was a huge task that took a great deal of time from the boys at the club, so many thanks to Bill, Scott, and Ian for a job well done. Our harbour is a much safer place as a result of the inspections.

The moorings have all been numbered, sorry for the lack of artistic numbering on the mooring balls, but we now have a reference to go by. There is a master list in the clubhouse with information on each mooring. If you are not sure as to what you have for a block or chain, have a look. There are also brass tags available to connect onto your top chain to assist in identifying the moorings in the spring. Several members have their mooring number on their winter marker, this is a great idea and should be a big help in the spring.

An Additional club mooring was placed at Scouts, this now gives us two very safe moorings in one of our favorite areas. The club moorings are the large orange balls with RYC painted on them. Jeff Legge also has a mooring that he is offering to any club members. The remaining moorings at Scouts are of unknown condition, and members should

exercise caution if they use them.

Several people approached me last year regarding marking a channel into the harbour at night. Range lights were added this summer. Go to the green buoy, and the blue ranges will guide you safely through the moorings on those dark nights. I'm looking for some feed back on the ranges, so let me know what you think of them. The lower light is a two mile solar powered, the upper light is powered from the club house.

Items that are outstanding this season will be moved to 2002. They include the tide board, harbour soundings, and test dredging. With the tide board and soundings, these go together. A member is going to survey in the exact height of the wharf so we have a start point for the tide board. Once the board is in place, soundings throughout the harbour will be taken. We are also looking at surveying in the position of all the moorings at the same time. Once we start this task, we will be looking for a work party to assist. This will give everyone a chance to assist in the harbour improvements.

Dredging is a dirty word!! This fact was drove home numerous times this summer. We made application back in February to conduct some test dredging in an attempt to chart our course for future harbour improvements. The application is still with the regulatory bodies, and they continue to add items we need to complete prior to starting any work. I admit, I'm bogged down with this one,

and any member who has experience with watercourse alteration we need your help.

Have a good winter! To help pass the time, dig through the pictures you took during the year, and forward them to some of your boating friends.

Paul Creamer

Buildings & Grounds

On behalf of all members, I wish to thank our diligent staff for helping to make our this boating season the success it was. We enjoyed unusually fine weather right into the late fall.

Bill Snodgrass, Scott Stewart and Ian Zinck provided great support and managed to complete some extra projects which will prove beneficial long term.

Several new docks were constructed, two new mast trees to handle the ever increasing demand, (We have 49 masts on sight, with capacity for 58) some clearing of brush and trees which presented a hazard for boat storage,(31 boats on the grounds presently) and preparation for more power (the poles are in) to the spar shed, which will service the docks.

I know many of you join me in thanking Bill, Scott and Ian for there assistance in ferrying us to our moorings and generally being there when needed. Thanks also to those members who came out to help plant,clean up, trim etc.

We planted a new tree, a Norway Maple, several nice shrubs (thanks Leslie and Gail) and another planter on the deck (thanks Rob) plus a few more Hostas(a Janes contribution).

Special note to all boaters.....

PLEASE do not put any oil in the Dumpster. If you must leave used oil at the club, place it in a tight container, leave it at the tool shed for Bill to dispose of .

Thank you. We have a very pleasant setting for our club and we trust all members will continue to help keep the grounds tidy. Don't hesitate to offer suggestions for future upgrades.

Gord Foster

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Rothesay Yacht Club Trophies 2001

Spring Series:

1 st	Xanadu	Skipper Ron & Deb Margeson
2 nd	About Time	George Fisk
3 rd	Détente	Gord Foster

Commodores Cup:

1 st	Odyssey	Jeff Martin
2 nd	Fine Print	Rod Crowther
3 rd	Ultimate Investment	David LeClue

Single Handed Race:

1 st	Happenstance	Gary Sudul
2 nd	Allegro	Don Fitzpatrick
3 rd	Eastwind	Andrew White

Long Distance race:

1 st	Nut But II	Bob Milne
2 nd	Ultimate Investment	David LeClue
3 rd	Shelsea	Syd Brittain

Summer Series:

1 st	Nut But II	Bob Milne
2 nd	Xanadu	Ron & Deb Margeson
3 rd	About Time	George Fisk

Great Beer Race:

1 st	Détente	Gord Foster
2 nd	Fine Print	Rod Crowther
3 rd	Mariner	Dick Oland

Frost Bite Series:

1 st	About Time	George Fisk
2 nd	Nut But	Bob Milne
3 rd	Hard Tack	Robert Janes

Philip Marcus Trophy:

1 st	About Time	George Fisk
2 nd	Fine Print	Rod Crowther
3 rd	Ultimate Investment	David LeClue

Cruising Trophy:

Shelsea	Syd & Liz Brittain
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Fred Brock Trophy

1 st	Détente	Gord Foster
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McGuyver Trophy:

Aurora	Dan Finney
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Steak & Lobster Race:

1 st	Dragon Fly	Bill O'Neill
2 nd	Aurora	Dan Finney & Family
3 rd	Imagination 11	Mike Brennan

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Sailing Director:

Next year we are looking at making a 1) permanent start & finish line, 2) new electric sound horn that can be heard in all conditions 3) having 2 starts- one at 6:30 & one at 6:40pm. 4) Improvements for the open invitation races (keel boat & team races), 5) having weekly long island races on Sat. ending at Scouts Beach and possibly more cup races.

We are looking for sponsors for new trophy races- Steak & lobster race, McGuyver trophy, Frostbite Trophy and more. Anyone interested please call me. Also we are looking for any suggestions for improvements next year.

As many of you know, we held special planning meetings last year. The objective of these meetings was to itemize improvements for our Yacht Club. Everyone made suggestions. The overall #1 suggestion was improvements to harbour to make it safer. Various ways were investigated and the cheapest, safest & easiest was a breakwater of Armour stone. This would allow the club to make the docks safer & possibly expand them. Also, as an added benefit we would probably not lose as many pilings each year. Government Permits are required for this but first we must decide where we should start.

Most of us think we should do a 100' breakwater off the wharf and see what improvements this does for us. This would cost \$ 25,000- \$ 40,000 depending on the time of year. If we got the paper work ready, maybe we could start this project during the **winter of 2003**. The full club membership should vote for or against this project. Depending on the vote we could then plan on this project or determine others. It is important for us to plan for the future of our club. Our boats are getting larger and we should address this also.

All businesses & organizations should have a long term plan to achieve goals. Lets all work towards planning for the future. Let's get a mandate from the membership and look at all aspects of where we are and where we will be 5-20 years from now. Some of these projects could possibly be financed by having a **fund raising committee**, once a specific project has been identified. It should be noted that any projects close to the water, wharf or in the water require governmental approvals and because of this we must be specific.

Rod Crowther