

The Signal

June 2008



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DYC Sailing School *By Rebecca Haley, CYA Certified Instructor*

DYC will offer NSYA certified sail training courses again this summer. The club has purchased several new boats and is will be running a first class sail training program. Four courses, each two weeks in duration, will begin in June. Please check out the Sailing School poster in this edition of the Signal, or on the DYC website. We had a full enrolment last year, so Club Members are encouraged to call the club early to reserve your child's spot.

Convoy Cup Returns to DYC in 2008

By Jim Thomas, Commodore

In 2006, the Convoy Cup hosted by DYC was a huge success with over 50 boats participating in the racing events and over 80 vessels taking part in the Sailpast of the HMCS Sackville. The Convoy Cup 2008 will take place Sept. 12-14th and will include harbour races, an ocean race, junior sail regatta and a sailpast of the HMCS Sackville all to "honour those who served". If you would like to volunteer, sponsor or just participate in this year's

event and honour those whose sacrifices made it possible for all of us to enjoy our boats on the water we take for granted, please contact Commodore Jim Thomas, Convoy Cup Foundation Chair Steinar Engeset, or the DYC Club Manager.

Brochures with more information and event schedules are available at the DYC Clubhouse.

Hope to see you there.

Manager's Report *By Curtis Bullock*

Once again another boating seasons starts. Still a number of vessels still on land. I hope to see many of them going into the water soon.

This year will be a busy one. We have a number of big events this year:

Opening Regatta June 7 & 8
Metro Regatta Aug 1 to 4
Poker Run Sept 6
Convoy Cup Sept 13 & 14
Beancrock Regatta Sept 27

Volunteers are needed to help out so if you are interested and might be able to lend a hand, let us know.

Our club has certainly grown over the past few years. We have over 300 boats currently here at the club. There are a number of new faces and boats here at our club. I hope you take time to introduce yourselves to each other. We have a friendly club and I wish to welcome all the new members this year to DYC and hope you enjoy the facility and your boating season. With this many boats and members it is important to respect on another. We here at DYC do pride ourselves in having a great

membership that shares a common bond in boating. However there are times those things don't always go the way we may want. Patience and respect for others is vital but if a problem arises it is expected that it be reported to management so they may act accordingly. We need members to help us in pointing out any rule violations or security concerns. DYC Code of Conduct is in place and we do expect members to respect this.

This year we will be having food provided at the clubhouse on Friday nights from 5:00pm to 7:00pm from Panini restaurant. Take out or eat in form a selection of their menu items. Come on by and have a cold beverage. We also have a new bartender working on Weekends. Come in and say hi to Tracy.

The DYC fuel dock carries a selection of cleaners, oils, and other boat supplies amiable for your convince even on weekends. Let us know if there is an item that you think we should stock.

As always please let me know any comments, concerns, or any other questions you may have.

Hope you have a great boating season.

"Climate is what we expect, weather is what we get."

"The water is the same on both sides of the boat"



Club Hours

The DYC office is open Monday to Friday 8 AM to 5 PM.

If you need to speak to someone from the office after hours, call the number given on the recorded message.

Fuel Dock Hours

Monday to Friday

8 AM to 9 PM

Saturday and Sunday

9 AM to 9 PM

Fuel Dock Hours As of Oct 1

Monday to Friday 8 am to 9 pm

Saturday and Sunday 9 am to 9 pm

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Summer Bar Hours

Monday 4 pm to 10 pm

Tuesday CLOSED

Wednesday 4 pm to 11 pm

Thursday 4 pm to 10 pm

Friday 4 pm to 11 pm

Saturday 11 am to 10 pm

Sunday 11 am to 7 pm

Upcoming Events

News from the Entertainment Committee

June 6th TGIF.

Meal - 6:00

Hamburgers / Octoberfest Sausages \$2.50 each

Music by Treco from 6:00 to 8:00

June 7, 2008 – Opener

Breakfast being served from 9:00 to 11:00 - Scrambled eggs, Breakfast sausages, Toast and Coffee \$3.00 per person

BBQ Chicken Dinner being served between 5:00 and 6:30 - \$12.00 per person.

Please reserve through the office by June 2 to guarantee your meal.

Music by DJ beginning at 4:00

June 8, 2008 - Opener

Continental Breakfast between 9:00 and 11:00

BBQ starting at 4:00

For further updates, check the Events Calendar on the website.

Notes from the Office

Another boating season is upon us, so here are a few reminders you should know.

Please book your launch well in advance. Still a number of boats to be launched and the yard staff needs time to move boats. If you are assigned a mooring, make sure you have proper bridles ready. DYC staff can assist in the installation of these onto a mooring.

Please ensure all garbage is placed into the appropriate bins. Bottles and cans only in the blue bins. Two green garbage bins are available for all other garbage. Please do not put oil or shrink wrap into the garbage bins. Shrink wrap must be bundled and tied up and placed on the west side of the DYC garage. Oil is to be put into the oil storage container at the DYC garage. Let's all keep DYC clean and green.

If you are going to be away from your assigned slip for more than three days at a time, you must notify the DYC office as to your time away and your ETA. We will be shuffling boats to open slips as they are available so make sure we know when to expect you back to ensure your slip can be vacant upon your arrival. A minimum of 24 to 48 hours is required for notice.

Parking is still somewhat restricted due to the number of boats still on land. Once we can get some parking space organized, we will be enforcing the no parking rules currently at the marina head. This means that there is no

parking there, it is only for loading and unloading with a maximum time of 15 minutes. Also no parking in the fire lane and handicap areas. A warning will be given with a HRM parking ticket issued for a second offence.

Remember that there is no fueling of vessels allowed on the marina. Fueling may be done only at the fuel dock itself. Anyone caught fueling on the marina system will face harsh disciplinary actions as determined by management.

The Service Dock is for all members use. With this in mind please try to observe the 4 hour time limit. At this time of year a number of people need to use this to step their masts.

The spar crane is for the lifting of **Masts Only**. No persons are allowed to use the hoist to lift people.

Make sure that power cords do not cross the marina trunk and cause a tripping hazard. If you require a pipe to run a cord under a finger, please advise the office and we will attend to it as soon as possible. Also no items may be attached to the marina unless prior approval is given by DYC.

This year the yard and tender staff will be identifiable by the green DYC vests they are wearing. Do not hesitate to look for them if you are in need of assistance, fuel, or have any questions.

Have a safe and happy boating season.

2008 DYC Poker Run

Well another year of boating is upon us and the organizing of the annual DYC Poker Run. This year I am making a few changes that hopefully will work out for the better for everyone.

With weather patterns changing over the last couple of years our date in June has been a hit or miss and to try and prevent this and give us a really good day of weather I am moving the event to the end of the season rather than the start. This year the poker run will be held on Saturday September 6th. Historically our best weather has been during this month so I am hoping it will be a great day and a great way to end the season. Hopefully everyone will be back from their prospective haunts over the summer and we'll get a good turnout.

The second change I want to make is to try and make this a club event rather than just power. With this in

mind I am working with the sailing community to arrange a course for them to participate also.

As always I am looking for volunteers to help out with the event. Many hands make light work! I will need a "couple of stop" peoples to distribute the cards and help back at the club for the steak bb que also to help with the pancake breakfast in the morning.

For those of you who are not familiar with the event I will give you a breakdown on what happens. Everyone meets first thing in the clubhouse for a pancake breakfast and a game of blackjack. There are usually 5 stops throughout the day for card pickup spots. There is a lunch stop where everyone moors up or ties to a dock and we have some type of contest at this spot. It all ends back at the yacht club with a

steak bbque and the showing of the cards to reveal the best poker hand. We have traditionally had a zodiac and motor for the grand prize. Registration is on the Friday night.

The theme for the event will be announced at a later date.

Helly Hansen is back on board this year again as a sponsor and their generosity is greatly appreciated. Amongst other prizes they have donated an offshore life vest valued at \$350 which I am selling tickets on at the clubhouse throughout the summer. They are \$2 each.

If anyone has any suggestions to help our event run smoother this year or would like to offer to help please email myself at 007fraser@ns.sympatico.ca or Curtis at the DYC.

See you all on the water!

DYC Racing News *by Brian Pickton*

As Fleet Captain I have been asked to write a few words for the benefit of the membership about the position. What follows should help give everyone the flavour of both my activities, the Rear Commodore's as well as the Race Committee.

A sailor's forum was held on Wednesday November 28th to help the race committee to prepare for the coming season. Once again we would like to thank those who attended for taking the time to do so and for their input. (Those of you who were unable to attend will be told of your committee assignments at a later date.) Here are some of the suggestions that we were able to take away for the full Race Committee to consider.

Wednesday Night Racing

Our most important activity is Wednesday Night Racing based on the number of participants and the time spent on this activity. Therefore it is recognized that this activity needs a competent and well trained crew of race officials to do it. While we have 2 people ready to run the Monday Night race program we need to hire and train staff for Wednesday nights. We have enough money in our budget to do this, and it was suggested that we advertise at Dalhousie University to find staff for the position, and that they be sent to a Race Management course. It was also suggested that we continue to try to have the Junior Sailing Instructor continue in the role of race officer, and that we liaise with SailAble who are also looking into hiring a trainer for their program to see if we can work together on this. It was further suggested that we need a small pool of volunteers available who are club members to be available in the event that the Race Officer(s) are not available.

It was suggested that reverse order starts be extended to all year long, so expect to see the order of start for this season changed to D, C, B, and A. this will result in fewer races being abandoned for the D and C Fleets. It

was also suggested that the start time first gun be made at 6:15 p.m. in order to give the larger but somewhat slower fleets a better opportunity to finish and man the bar. It is expected that a considerable increase in revenue will result. The RC is also alerted to the possibility that windward mark roundings may result in more potential conflicts and will monitor the situation closely over the coming season to determine if this is an issue that requires remediation.

Thanks to the ongoing sponsorship of Dole Sails to our sailing program the Wednesday Night Race Series will be known as the "Doyle Wednesday Night Race Series" in much the same fashion as the "Helly Hanson Open Regatta" which is also held at the Dartmouth Yacht Club.

We will continue to look for input in to the Race Committee on the racing program, especially through the vehicle of having the individual Fleet Captain's available to represent the interests of the individual fleets.

Once again we would ask that the Fleet Captains poll their respective yacht captains to determine the style of racing they would like: windward-leeward, triangles, or a combination thereof and provide the Rear Commodore or myself with the result.

There will be a D fleet trophy provided that will have last year and this year's winners names appropriately embossed. This fell between the cracks since it was first proposed, and we would like to apologize to the D-fleet members for the oversight. The RC was also asked to review the Fleet flags with respect to the possibility of reverting to the use of code flags for the start since there has been some difficulty in identifying the fleet flags.

The series winners for the Doyle Wednesday night series will receive a flag suitable printed or embroidered to indicate their achievement. For example they will have written on them; "Spring Series Winner 2008"

Winners are encouraged to display their battle flags prior to the start at open regattas both at DYC and when at other clubs. We will also look into the cost of having similar class flags made available to the winners at open regattas.

While the RC would like to strongly encourage competitors to register at the club house it was pointed out that with the earlier start time this becomes more difficult for those rushing to their boats after work. It was also pointed out that the Race Officers are very busy trying to determine the best courses for the four fleets and getting ready to run the race to take registrations on the water. Tom Sheaves brought forward a document that he had developed for taking registrations both on and off the water and it was agreed that this would be utilized going forward to try to assist the Race Officers in this regard. It was thought a tad harsh to not record a result for any one who had not registered at the club house and this will not become the policy for the coming season.

Monday Night Racing

Will return to a non-spinnaker format for the coming year and the learning aspects of this program will again be stressed. Hopefully there will be a return to a chalk talk skipper's meeting before each race. There will be one fleet start only, with the proviso that if we have a ladies skipper contingent that the will have a separate start if they bring three boats to the line. Other events will not take place on Monday nights and the single and double handed series will be held on weekends.

It was also suggested that participation would be encouraged if the effort of participants was recognized through the presentation of a Trophy for the over all winner. It was also suggested that there should be a number of throw outs available to allow for missed races. For example, last year the series held 17 races and the suggestion was that there be 4 throw outs. It was also

suggested that some fun awards should also be considered, such as best improved boat, most spectacular foul up, best dressed crew, etc.

Ladies Sailing

The RC would like to encourage ladies sailing and see a ladies sailing program. However it was thought to be inappropriate for the guys to be telling the ladies what they should do in their program. The impetus for this should come from the ladies and Barry Nooyen and myself along with anyone else interested will continue to offer such support as we are able to help realize the goals of the ladies. The ladies need to get together to decide what they want to do and let us know their wishes.

Open Regattas

This is going to be our busiest sailing season in some years with the Opening Regatta, Metro, Convoy Cup and Bean Crock all involving our club. Needless to say it is going to take a lot of effort from a lot of people acting in all capacities to make this season successful. We expect to use the Opening Regatta as a training regatta for Metro, and we anticipate over 90 boats to be in attendance for this later event. We will be running 2 separate racecourses, one for one design and

premier fleets the other for PHRF/ASPN fleets, which we need to staff and have the necessary equipment for. This will include an RC boat and a chase boat for each course among other things. We think we are able to put on the best open regattas in Metro and being successful will not only help cement club pride but will also give notice to other organizations that the DYC is a club to be reckoned with. Hopefully all of this will result in a good time being had by all as well as encourage further growth in our membership. All members are strongly urged to examine their schedules and to put their hands up to help with either shore activities before and after the racing and with the on the water activities if they are not going to be competing. Please contact myself, Barry Nooyen or Donna Gouthro if you can assist with any of these activities.

Hospitality

The Crew Hospitality List used to man the BBQ and kitchen on Wednesday Nights Nights to be strictly adhered to for the benefit of all participants. This activity too often fell on the shoulders of only a few over the last couple of season. It is expected the situation will be improved with the earlier finishing

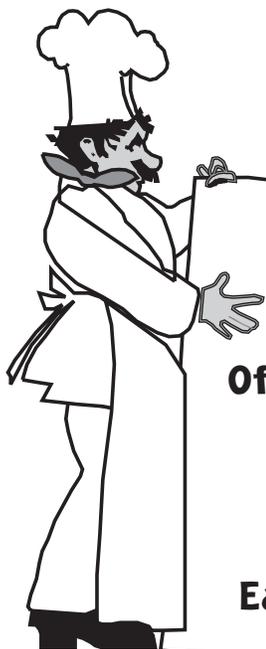
times expected for the D and C fleets and therefore flogging defaulters will not be encouraged. Other measures may be considered.

Protests

To encourage racers who may have a protest but don't wish to spend the time filing and formally attending a protest meeting to seek redress we are going to try a system of mediation whereby the participants can acquire and informal opinion from a protest committee officer through a brief meeting that should take no longer than 15 minutes that can be held in the vicinity of the bar. The participants can then either settle the matter based upon the preliminary opinion or proceed with the protest hearing.

Fun Races

It was decided to try a few fun harbour races this season that might include such events as a run around George's Island or a poker run that finished downtown. These would be held on a weekend in summer and fall scheduled not to conflict with other events so as not to detract from participation in more formal race events. One suggestion was a run to Rogue's Roost that garnered a lot of interest.



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Marina Safety Guidelines: *by Mark Joseph, Safety Chair*

As we all look forward to our prized boating season here in Nova Scotia, I wanted to remind everyone about the importance of safety in and around the yard and the marina. As the Safety Chairman for Dartmouth Yacht Club it is my responsibility to provide all our members with some reminders and some guidelines for a safe and enjoyable boating season for our family and guests.

- Ensure all children are wearing properly fitted PFD's in and around the marina and on the boat.
- Make sure you; your family members and any guest are wearing non-slip shoes any time on the marina system and on your boat.
- Don't leave loose items lying around on the dock; they could get kicked into the water and present a safety hazard to you and others.
- Turn off all electrical loads before connecting power

cords to your boat.

- Ensure you are using only ULC approved marine power cords, no household extension cords.
- When connecting your power cord to the power pedestal ensure there is slack for boat movement.
- When fueling close all compartments and hatches. After fueling open these for ventilation and run your blower for at least five minutes.
- When fueling keep the nozzle of the pump in contact with the fill pipes.
- You and your family are the eyes and ears of our club, please feel free to advise club staff of unsafe or security issues.

Theses are just a few common sense tips; I wish all a fun and safe boating season.

Yard Notes *by Gordon Fraser*

Hi everyone, I just would like to give you an update on yard and the progress to date. We have rebuilt the trailer boat launch ramp as it was eroding. We have been trying to keep the bottom of the yard clear for parking again this year. Please respect the applicable signs for the parking area especially the 15 minute marina head. The two service parking spots are reserved Monday to Friday from 8-5pm for service vehicles but nights and weekends can be used for regular parking.

We now are collecting recyclables for our junior sail program. There are 4 blue recyclable bins that are for recyclables only – please do not put garbage in these as our staff has to sort through it to be collected.

We are also looking at installing another light standard in the middle of the yard and trying to get power to the back lot.

Please remember to pick up after your pets, the kids play in

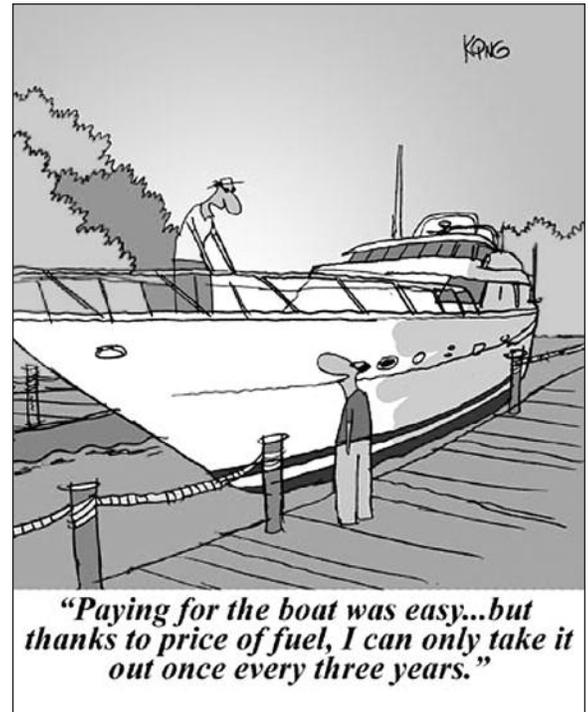
the grassy area at the marina head so pooper-scoop when needed!

The playground is being removed due to insurance issues. We can look at replacing it in next years budget. If this is something that you would like to see done please remember to bring it up at the Fall meeting.

We are looking for a volunteer to do some gardening at the marina head in the boxes there. If there is anyone that might have any perennials they would like to split from home and plant there they would be welcome.

That's it for me, see you over the summer.

Sea yeah,
Gordon Fraser



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