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September 2007



Highlights from the Mobility Cup 2007

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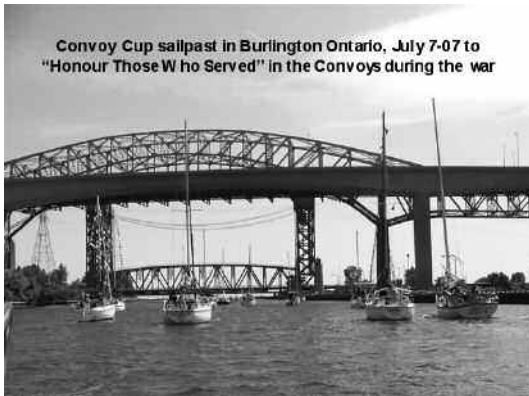
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Honouring Those Who Served

News/Events from the Convoy Cup Foundation



June 30th and July 1st Convoy Cup events were held in Skudeneshavn Norway and Steinar Engeset attended and represented the Convoy Cup Foundation. The week started with rain but ended with two very nice days. Boats from Norway and Scotland participated in the races during this weekend.

July 7th Convoy Cup events were held in Burlington, Ontario and Lt. Commander (Ret'd) Jim Reddy went to represent the Convoy Cup Foundation. The events went very well with many war veterans being honored with the Convoy Cup medallion for their service in the convoys during the war. Dave Harrington did a great job of organizing the event to honor the war veterans.

His Majesty the King's Guard Band and Drill Team of Norway visited Halifax from July 1st-July 8th to perform at the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo and reviews were great as always! They also visited Ottawa on July 10/11 to perform with the Ceremonial Guard of Canada. On July 5th the King's Guard and Band participated in a wreath laying ceremony at the Canadian and Norwegian war monuments to honour the war veterans. We were honoured to have the Honourable Mayann E. Francis, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia and Lt. Colonel Ingrid Gjerde of His Majesty the Kings Guard from Norway (first woman in 150 years of Norwegian history to be in charge of

HM the King's Guard) in attendance to lay wreaths to honour the war veterans on behalf of Canada and Norway. The veterans were honoured again at a wreath laying ceremony in Lunenburg on July 6th. On July 7th at the Faith Tabernacle Church in Halifax a public concert was held as a "Tribute to the Veterans" with a great turn out.

The First of Class of the new Norwegian frigates—the F-310-class-HNoMS Fridtjof Nansen, was testing the ship's AEGIS system off the U.S. West Coast and on the return voyage to Norway she visited Halifax July 12-13. On July 12th we had a small reception on board. During the visit of the Fridtjof Nansen Captain Flestrand and two of his officers went to the Norwegian and Canadian war monuments at Sackville landing and laid

flowers to honour the veterans who served in the war.



DYC COMMODORES RECEPTION

SATURDAY OCT 13/2007

COCKTAILS 6:00PM

DINNER 7:00PM

PIG ROAST & DESSERT

LIVE MUSIC

Contact the DYC office to book your seats

Limited space available

Manager's Report *By Curtis Bullock*

September Already? Where has the summer gone? Despite a late summer this year we have had a lot of activity around the club as of late. Even though fall is fast approaching, there are still a number of great boating days ahead. Coming up also are a few more DYC events of note. On Sept 15, there will be the Silver Sail offshore race and on September 29 is the Beancrock Regatta. October brings even more events. On Oct 6 will be a rare Saturday version of TGIF with the Band Special Blend, October 13 is the Commodores Reception, and on Oct 25 is the Fall General Meeting and election of the board. Please keep checking the DYC website for details of these and any other events and news from the Club.

Our club has the honor of being the host club for the Mobility Cup. This regatta has drawn competitors from as far away as New Zealand. With some 20 boats, and 40 sailors racing, it has been a wonderful event and has raised the awareness of disabled sailors to many Nova Scotians. We are pleased to have this event here and I would like to thank the many volunteers that have worked tirelessly to make this a very successful regatta.

Not only with this event, but with all the activities that go on here at DYC, it has been the volunteer efforts that make the difference in ensuring that

our events are a success and the participants or guests have enjoyed themselves. I thank all of you who have lent your time with all of the events here.

Please note that the DYC Bar has its new fall hours. The bar will be closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the Winter Bar hours will be taking effect starting October 15. Hours are posted at the bar and the website. The fuel dock will be changing its hours of operation starting October 1st. The fuel dock will be open Monday to Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm and closed on weekends. Please take note of this and plan trips accordingly.

A few reminders, before we know it, haul outs will start. Please ensure your vessel insurance is current with the office. Provide as much notice to the office in booking your haul out. We require time to find cradles and time hauls with the appropriate tide.

As always, please let us know of any concerns or comments you may have.

"People told Columbus the world was flat. He didn't insist the world was round. He got in a 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.

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8 AM to 9 PM
Saturday and Sunday
9 AM to 9 PM

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Poker Run 2007 *by Louise Fraser*



First Place Winners – Ann and Steve Kelly. No you can't row it off the stage Ann!



Best Dressed Crew – Rob Taylor and Marley McKinnon accepting their liquid prize from Goslings!! Yum-Yum, presented by Louise Fraser Poker Run Organizer.

Well despite the terrible weather day everyone that participated in the Poker Run this year seemed to have a good time! I would like to send a big THANK YOU out to all the volunteers that helped in making the day run smoothly – Jean and Alan Baird, Mary and Wayne Chappel, Shirley Jerram, Shawn Adderley and company, Jim Mason and his daughter and Sandy Sheffer - you were all great and did a wonderful job which made my job that much easier! Our sponsors this year came through again for us year. We received a lovely Grand Prize through the generosity of Mr. John Mills of Seamasters valued at \$7500.00! Helly Hansen as always came through with some wonderful and generous prizes and items which we were able to sell tickets on and raise some extra \$\$ - thank



Limbo Contest Winners – Keith Sawlor and Marley McKinnon!



you Tom Ingram! We also had the addition of Goslings Rum this year who gave us great prizes for our limbo contest and best dressed crew working with our Caribbean theme in mind. Lots of participation for those prizes!

Our Grand Prize winner this year was Anne and Steve Kelly. Our Limbo contest winners was a tie with Keith Sawlor – Quality Control

and Marley McKinnon – At the Office and the Best Dressed Crew



Best Dressed Crew – At the Office. Great Job!

and Marley McKinnon – At the Office and the Best Dressed Crew

Notes from the Office *by Bruce Cake*

I would like to think that everyone missed the "motherhood" notes in the last SIGNAL, but alas, I fear not!

But, for those who did miss the regular blurb and for those new members, and there are quite a few, here we go again.

FALL HAUL OUT

As with the spring launch and any lifts in-between, all lift must be booked through the office. At this time, in addition to determining a date and time, we will check that the account is clear and the Liability Insurance is current.

Members are asked to check their cradles and make necessary repairs well before the haul out date. The yard staff will be checking on the condition of the cradle and if it is determined that it is unsafe, the haul out will be postponed until repairs are made.

For those members using jack stands, let us know when you book that stands will be required, how many and what size. Bear in mind that the cost to rent stands has gone up since last year. The AGM approved an amount of \$50.00 each for the season.

Yard staff determines where in the yard your boat is placed. Only trailers and cradle boats will be placed in the area behind the club house as the travel lift cannot navigate the grade.

Winter Power

For those persons accessing power on a continuous basis throughout the winter (ashore and afloat) members will be charged for actual consumption. Meter readings will be done throughout the winter and the costs will be based on the average of all the readings.

The club encourages members to come ashore earlier rather than later. It's no fun trying to clean a boat with no running water! The yard water is turned off after the first freeze up. The travel lift does not operate in snow and ice conditions.

For members at moorings, don't forget to disconnect your bridles and bring them ashore. The mooring chains are sunk for the winter, and the balls are stowed on land.

For those members considering shrink wrapping, let your contractor know when you are coming ashore in order that he may do the work before other boats are brought alongside and space is limited.

For those contemplating putting up their sheds, please complete the request form that is available in the office prior to 1st of October.

Other Notes

On or very near the 1st of November, Senior members will be invoiced Senior Dues (\$290.00) and CYA (\$20.00) for the fiscal year commencing 1st November and CYA dues \$20.00.. Fuel credits will have been calculated and subtracted from these dues. For new members, the 2nd half of your

joining fee will be included in this invoice. This invoice is payable 30 days from the date of the invoice. Late pay has consequences!

If you have sold your boat and are getting out of boating, please advise the office in order that your account may be closed off. Resignations should be tendered in writing.


Crew dues will be invoiced in March, 2008. This is a change approved at the AGM in January.



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Junior Sailing Update

by Mark Sutherland, Director Junior Sailing

I would like to thank the membership and management committee for supporting this worthwhile cause. This year we were very fortunate to have the club support a budget that allowed us to hire excellent instructors Greg Blunden and Rebecca Haley. Greg has managed large programs in the past and helped organize a first class summer for the DYC junior sailors. Throughout the summer, the sailors participated in different theme days and I hear from our manager, Curtis, that due to the responsible nature of our instructors, there were minimal issues to contend with. I hope this demonstrates that it makes sense to hire top notch people which will help the reputation of our program grow.

We also accomplished sending several of our bronze sailors to compete in Bedford and the RNSYS (more about that in Greg's article). Greg had the senior students compete in a live theory lesson answering questions to see who would get to take the brand new, mint, 420 sailboat.

This new boat would not have been possible without sponsorship. Jack Conrad (Burnside Windows and Doors Ltd) and an associate company he does business with (Jeldwen Windows and Doors), provided \$7000 for the boat. I would also like to thank Dr. Paul Downing for a significant standing offer that would represent approximately ? of another 420. So it's a great problem to have: now we need to find the other ? of the boat through sponsorship/

fundraising. Thank you also goes out to Nathan (Doyle Sails) for helping return money into the program and giving us affordable sail repair. Finally a big thank you to the Casino Night committee and the Poker Run committee for proceeds which helps us tremendously with equipment.

We also were able to buy two brand new McLaughlin Optis-these are the small sailboats with one mainsail and a square bow to allow the beginner sailors experience with balance and sail trim. As we build the foundation of our fleet-and capacity-the program will start to take on a life of its own.

As a final note, Greg is working with some of the more experienced sailors so that we can continue to challenge and encourage. This will help cement interest in more advanced sailing to help build our bronze program for next year and gain future instructors in house.

Again, thank you to the members for helping us and being patient while little boats zoomed around the marina all summer. I hope that we have shown a good image to the community and the club.

Yard Notes

by Gordon Fraser

I am writing this at the mid way point in the season. Our yard has had a few small upgrades. We have installed a fence around the garbage can near the marina head and most people are keeping the area fairly neat. Please do your part and put recyclables in their containers and garbage in the bin. Curtis and staff have been cleaning up cradles etc. but they have also been cleaning up peoples mess from launching. This is not their job. You are paying to clean up some one else's mess. If you see someone leave a mess please let Curtis know.

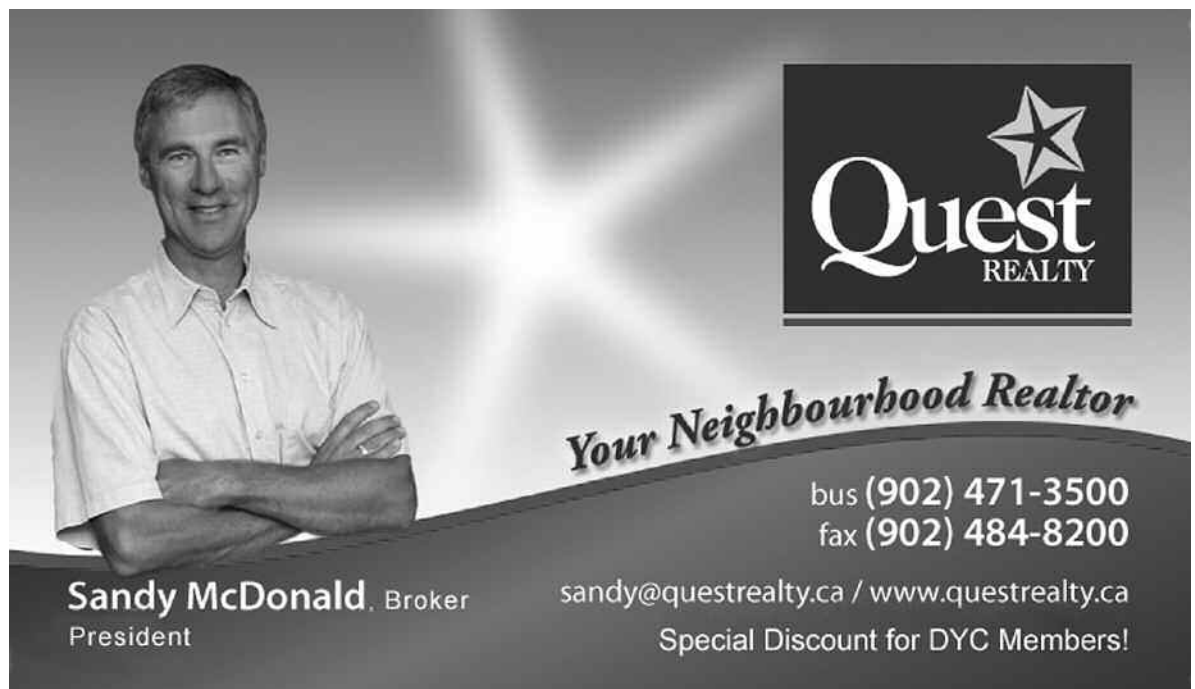
We have been making a concerted effort to keep the yard organized and neat in appearance. My congratulations to the yard boys.

The launch ramp has been kept clear and monitored better this year.

People are being very considerate for the most part in the un-loading area. Thank-you.

If you haul a boat for repairs on a trailer please take it up to the far side of the work shed closer to Coast Tire.

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We are continually striving to maintain a neat and tidy appearance in our yard and with everyone's help it seems to be coming along. This is at no cost to all and makes a big difference. Thank-you.

By the time this is printed we will be getting ready for fall and the thoughts of storage. Please book early so we can plan our yard for winter storage and if at all possible give Curtis some indication on when you would like to launch in the Spring. This saves valuable time and money for Spring launching if we know where to place boats for storage

DYC Learn To Sail 2007

by Greg Blunden, Learn to Sail Head Instructor 2007

This years Learn to Sail Program was a great success with 40 plus kids enrolled in the program.

DYC added three new boats to the fleet, one new Club 420 and two new Optimis which will help produce a higher level of sailor. The new boats will help to grow the program and to provide a better sailing experience for the youth involved in the program.

This year our sailors participated in three regatta's around Halifax: ARK –

BBYC; The Bay the Wind the Regatta – SMSC; and The Kennedy Cup – RNSYS. This was the first regatta for all of the Bronze sailors. Attending the Regattas is a great experience for the youth, as they get to compete against sailors from other clubs around the province. With solid progression over the summer sailors placed mid fleet in their first regatta at the RNSYS.

I would like to thank all the members for there support during 2007 sailing session.



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Alderney Squadron Fall Courses Registration at Dartmouth Yacht Club Sept 5 & 10, 7 pm – 9 p.m.

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- \$180.00/person, includes test for Pleasure Craft Operator Card

ADVANCED PILOTING (minimum of 5 students) - Instructor: Jerry Bourgeois

- Class on Monday evenings, Shearwater Yacht Club; start Sept 17th 7 p.m., 13 weeks
- \$125.00/person for current CPS members; \$150.00/person for non members

CELESTIAL NAVIGATION (minimum of 5 students) – Instructor: Trevor Kenchington

- Class on Wednesday evenings, Bedford Institute of Oceanography; start Sept 26th 7 p.m.
- \$150.00/person for current CPS members, \$175.00/person for non members.

Information: Jerry Bourgeois - 434-8939; jrg.bourgeois@ns.sympatico.ca
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TELL A FRIEND ABOUT THE CPS BOATING COURSE

Junior Sail Report *Summer 2007*

A brief capsule for your information:

Under the leadership of Mark Sutherland, Jr. Sail Director, the program underwent a number of positive changes:

1. The format was changed to four 2 week courses vs the July/August format
2. Two new instructors were hired to conduct the training

3. New equipment was acquired

All the courses were filled to maximum capacity, the average per course - 18 students.

The course graduated

Six – White I
Thirteen – White II
Four – White III
Five Bronze 3 IV
Five Bronze V

The Casavechia Memorial Trophy for the Top Sailor – White Level was awarded to Amanda Ozere, and the Top Bronze Level sailor went to Curtis Slobodosky. We again acknowledge **CHARM DIAMOND CENTRES** for their continued support of this award by means of wrist watches.

The sailors completed in three regattas, at the BBYC, the RNSYS and Hubbards YC. No trophies but invaluable experience for next year.

Brian Picton and his new "Rocket 22" in its first Wednesday night race.



Bright Ideas To Help You With Your Boating Chores

- Every now and then, pour a shot of cooking oil into your marine toilet, especially if it's difficult to pump. This will lubricate the seals, "O" rings and moving parts.
- If you are going to bathe in salt water use shampoo or joy. A rich cleaning lather will result.
- Add a little rice to your salt shaker to help keep the contents flowing easily.
- Formula for figuring out how much bottom paint in gallons you'll need for one coat. One coat = your boat's LOA x Beam x .85 divided by square feet covered per gallon listed on the paint can.
- For two cycle engines that require a 50: 1 mix of oil to gas, use one pint of oil for every six gallons of gas. For a 100: 1 mix of oil to gas use 1/2 pint of oil for every six gallons of gas.
- After washing the interior of your boat, add a small amount of Mildicide powder to the rinse water. This will keep the interior mildew free longer.
- To remove mildew from the interior walls of your boat pour two tablespoons of non-chlorine bleach into a spray bottle. Spray then wipe. It cleans the mildew away and will help prevent the mildew from coming back.
- Increasing a propeller's pitch by one inch will reduce the rpm by 50 to 100.
- There are a lot of sail and canvas cleaners on the market. Star Bright makes a canvas cleaner that works pretty good on dirt, grease and mildew stains. Use a mild dish washing liquid like Joy or Ivory, that's if the canvas is in good shape. It's best cleaned with lukewarm water (under 100 degrees f) and mild natural soap. Mix a 1/2 cup of non-chlorine bleach and 1/4 cup of natural soap (not harsh detergent) with one gallon of water. Let it soak in. Use a brush for stubborn stains, then rinse with cold water and allow to air dry. You want to use something mild that will not weaken the fabric or threads.

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