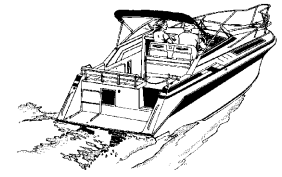


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Following the Annual Banquet, while most sailors were enjoying an additional hour in bed, the CBYC Executive and some devoted club members, were attending the AGM and beginning preparations for next season. In the weeks and months to come, we will be organizing social events, lining up cruise-captains, setting up racing events and working hard to bring another great year both on and off the water. As the new club commodore, I am looking forward to running meetings, telling people what to do, wearing my captain's hat.... and of course serving club members in this very important role.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself for those of you whom I have yet to meet. My wife, Carissa - CBYC Social Chair for this past year and next - and I joined the club in the spring of 2009. We had previously been keeping our J/24 (Birdship) at Portsmouth Harbour and Hub talked us into moving to the marina and joining the club to get into local racing. I grew up in Belleville and my dad and I had raced J/24s for years out of the Bay of Quinte Yacht Club so we were eager to get back on the start line.

Before the end of that first season, we had met Claudia when she was walking the dock to recruit new executive members. Carissa and I jumped at the opportunity to join the executive and have spent the past year ordering trophies, organizing coffee houses, making pancakes and meeting a lot of really great people.

When I took the job as Vice Commodore, I didn't realize that Lionel had already filled the role for a year and would be looking to step down for 2012. With the AGM, nominations and hand-over meeting now behind us, I am settling comfortably into the new role.

As an active sailing coach and CYA-certified Master Learning Facilitator, I look forward to working with Phil, Crystal and James and helping out where I can with the club's sail-training programs. I am also eager to continue to work with Geoff, making the website an attractive and engaging place to find out about events and important club news. With EYC coming to the club in 2012, I am excited to welcome fellow competitors and compete in the racing and social aspects of the event. Carissa and I recently purchased a C&C 29 and we are looking most forward to doing a CBYC cruise with luxuries to which we are not accustomed on the J/24 - such as standing head-room, a functioning ice-box, a mast with a good deck-seal and a working flush-toilet!

Carissa has put a lot of hard work into the Christmas dinner which will be taking place at Renaissance this year and I hope that we will see you there on December 3rd.

Happy Holidays!
Owen Bird
Commodore

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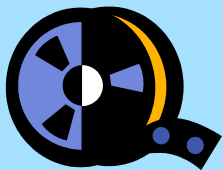
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NEW DOCUMENTARY ON NOVA SCOTIA SCHOONERS



For anyone with a passion for sailing, there is a new documentary about the wooden schooners of Nova Scotia. The 1/2 hour film was shot this past summer and includes scenes of the rebuilding of the Bluenose II and the 50th Anniversary of the Nova Scotia Schooner Associate race week. The film will have its Canadian Broadcast Premiere on Sunday, December 4th, 2011 at 12 noon on CBC TV's "Land and Sea".



Check out <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j3AcanoPUe0> for a preview.

From the Past Commodore

My column now as your Past Commodore should be a stirring effort to uplift your spirits and have you all eager to get back to the water next spring with renewed vigor. That ain't gonna happen "cause I don't know how to do "stirring"!

I will however, mention that this past year was a pretty successful sailing season for most of us and the club has prospered with many new members who took part in the events, races, and cruises. There is still one more event to come folks as we prepare our taste buds for Christmas Dinner at Renaissance on December 3rd.

Our year-end banquet was very well attended and the evening went well with a veritable host of door prizes to boot. (By the way who did win the door?)

The next day saw a swarm of people attend the AGM in order to vote in favour of the proposed fee increase and as a matter of fact the results of the original motion and various amendments was that the Youth/Student membership stayed at \$20.00, the Associate membership went to \$50.00 and the Adult membership rose to \$125.00. I want to thank those present who recognized the need for a fee increase to keep pace with the rising costs and the realization that fees have not increased for as long as people can remember. Hopefully future increases, if needed, will be a little more regular and not such a giant leap for mankind!

This is my chance to thank all the executive members who have served with me for the past two years and those members who have helped out with all the various events such as Sailpast the giant garage party! (Note to Gerry and Lori, not necessary next year as the day will be sunny and warm).

I want to say a special thank you to my wife Pat who kept me organized for the last two years and made some people think that I knew what I was doing! The woman behind the throne!

Well this is it! My last chance to attack boat brands other than the fabulous Douglas! I can hear the cheers now. Actually, after our trip to the Annapolis Boat Show and looking over the various boats it has become apparent to me that every boat has its own niche and every skipper appreciates their boat in their own way. All boats, sail or power, big or small, can be loved and occasionally cursed but we all enjoy getting out on the water and appreciating the wonderful area that we have at our doorstep here at Collins Bay.

Fair winds and light seas to you all,

Lionel



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Awards Night and Year End Banquet

Once again this year, the Awards night and year-End Banquet took place at the Senior Staff Mess at RMC. Skippers and crew from racing and cruising boats alike joined together to have a cocktail, enjoy a delicious meal and recognize the accomplishments of their fellow club members. With 35 door-prizes in addition to the standard hardware, few went home empty-handed.

Top honours for CBYC Racing went to the crew of the Baron— Wayne Wall, Ray Shatler, Hank Muis and Al Walker. They were recognized as the CBYC Club Champions after an impressive season of both course and long-distance racing. On the cruising side, the Alpine Star Award – which is awarded to the member(s) who made the best contribution to the sport of cruising – went to Lee and Crystal Baker.

This year, two additional awards were added to the lineup. The Orgueil Cup was donated by Rick and Monique White to recognize the club's most improved sailor. The inaugural recipient of this award was Graham David for his impressive performance in the Frostbite race which was held on a gusty, cold day this fall. The Moondance Challenge was donated by Hans Mertins and presented to Robert van Dyk and Marilyn Sykes for their performance in a fun race which brought racers and cruisers together on the trek back to the club after the Labour Day cruise.

Some changes were made to the way in which trophies will be inscribed and presented in the future. Two years ago, the racers met and decided that for long-distance races, fleets should be scored separately. For those unfamiliar with the complexities of yacht racing, all boats are given a handicap and scored on corrected time but it is widely recognized that boats varying considerably in design and size - as recognised by a significant rating difference – should be scored in separate divisions. This will be the second year of racing in separate divisions in our weekend events but up until now, the trophies have not been inscribed to recognize this. This has been corrected and I would like to apologize on behalf of the executive to Dave Johnston and the 2010 crew of Yer Out as well as Wayne Wall, Ray Shatler and the 2011 crew of The Baron. As the vice commodore it is my duty to ensure that trophies are engraved to properly recognize the winners of our prestigious awards. Following the ceremony, the oversight was brought to the attention of Keith Davies (the acting race chair) and me and we decided to have the trophies re-engraved to properly recognize that in some races, we have had first place winners in multiple fleets

Racers will be meeting in the new year to decide how best to allocate the trophies for the 2012 season.

Please see the list of all of our 2011 trophy winners in this copy of the mixer. By all counts, it was a great event and I would like to thank everyone for their support for the event and through the year.

Owen Bird, Outgoing Vice Commodore



Keith Davies presents
the *Sportsmanship Award*
to Crystal and Lee Baker
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Lionel Redford presents
the *Commodore's Cup* to
Crystal Baker, Outstanding
Club Member
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2011 Trophy Winners—Collins Bay Yacht Club

Award	Criteria	Winner/s
Amherst Island Cup	Winner of the Amherst Island Race	Scott Mundle, Old School
Collins Bay Marina Award	Winner of Pigeon Island Race	Dave Wilby, O'ffliction
PHRF1 Champion	All Around Race Excellence	Scott Mundle, Old School
PHRF2 Champion and CBYC Club Champion		Ray Shatler/Wayne Wall, The Baron
PHRF 3 Champion		Keith Davies, Breezin'
Junior Skipper Award		Frank Olivier Dore
Cruising Award	Most frequent Cruising Participant.	Pat and Lionel Redford, Naiad IV
Lead Life Ring Award		Bruce Anderson, Ben Rottevell
Gostlin Jewellers Award	Best Contribution to the Club	Barry Elvidge
Alpine Star Award	Member who has Contributed the Most to the Sport of Cruising	Lee and Crystal Baker, Pendragon
Sportsmanship Award	All around Good Sportsmanship Displayed	Lee and Crystal Baker
The Commodore's Cup	Outstanding Club Member	Crystal Baker
The Orgueil Bowl	Most Improved Sailor	Graham David
Moondance Challenge		Robert van Dyke and Marilyn Sykes, Day Dreams



Junior Skipper Award Winner

We chose Frank Olivier (Franco) Dore as our Junior Skipper of the year because he is a quick learner especially considering French is his first language. He really enjoys sailing and was genuinely happy to be there. He always had a smile on his face. Franco actively participated in every aspect of the school (games, lessons, sailing) which made him a joy to teach. *(Instructors' Comments)*

Congratulations Franco!

The Orgueil Bowl Trophy

At the Awards Banquet this year, the Orgueil Bowl was presented, for the first time, to The Most Improved Sailor. This trophy is open to all member sailors, whether they be racers, cruisers, or daysailors. The recipient is chosen by a panel comprised of the Fleet Captain, Fleet Captain Race, and Fleet Captain Cruise. Throughout the season each keeps his eye on the sailing abilities of those around him. At the end of the year, the three captains hold a meeting to discuss their candidates, vote on a winner, and then present that name to the executive at the meeting before the awards banquet. The trophy was previously awarded annually at the now defunct Oshawa Yacht Club for approximately 15 years.

In order to give the incoming, and future, Fleet Captains some direction in choosing worthy candidates, I would like to relate anecdotes of previous winners from the OYC.

The first winner was a tail end racer. His results on the race course had not improved appreciably; but the racers noted that he had become increasingly hard to pass. Previously, racers just blew past, either to windward or leeward. If he happened to be on their line to the mark, they just kept coming until he moved out of the way. When he won, racers had to plan how they would get past him. He had not improved his sailing, as such, but had improved strategically.

A daysailor, who had not sailed further than 2 or 3 miles from the harbour entrance, won for cruising in company with several other members to the Thousand Islands.

One member's wife won for taking their 44' boat in the Ladies Race from Oshawa to Whitby and return for the first time.

From these stories, it may be seen that a steady improvement, while ideal, is not necessarily the criteria for winning. In the past, most recipients have won because they performed in a way that was totally unexpected by the selection committee.

In all the years awarded, no matter what the criteria chosen, a name never appeared on the trophy that didn't deserve to be there. I am certain that tradition will continue at CBYB in the future.

Rick White.

Presentation to Alistair Morris by Lionel Redford (Commodore) at the Award Banquet

Everyone has milestones in their lives. Some find them a little harder to achieve.

I want to acknowledge an achievement by one of our members as he has reached a milestone in his life that was somewhat difficult to come by. This fellow started the sailing season not really happy to be going out on the boat but after some excellent coaching and more in depth communication he has graduated to helmsman status to the point that he now brings the boat into the slip without incident.

This is accomplished with communication via sign language which, when you come to think of it is nothing like the rest of us so the next time you see them arriving on "C" dock see if you can pick out any swear words in the signing!!!!

Alistair Morris is now an official helmsman so I would like to present him with a gift from the club for a great achievement.



Jim Gough (Left) and Owen Bird present the *Cruising Award* to Pat and Lionel Redford at the Awards Banquet



Welcome/Farewell Event on September 24

On Saturday, September 24th, a number of boaters, past and present, gathered in the *SS Maria*, to mark the 40th anniversary of Collins Bay Marina with a special celebration. We welcomed new owners, Lori & Gerry Buzzi and daughters Brittany, Caitlin and Desiree and bid farewell to Hub, Miche, Mya and Landon.

After our MC, Dave Sansom welcomed everyone, Commodore Lionel provided some background information on the Buzzi family. As new CBYC members (ex officio) they were given a club burgee and jackets with our club logo.

Judy Adams, one of our original club members, welcomed some familiar faces who had joined us for the evening, including Maria Steenbakkers, and Hub's aunt and uncle, Harry & Patricia Steenbakkers, who were visiting Maria. Judy and Alison Froese shared some stories about the "incredible" early days around the marina.

Phil Morris, our Sailing School Director, filled us in on some background info about the sailing school from its humble early days, to the successful entity it is today. Since we are a self help club, it has taken many volunteer hours to build it into the successful school it is today.

Past Commodore, Claudia Stevenson, spoke of the teamwork the yacht club has always enjoyed with the marina. Hub and Miche have given generously of their time and energy to support various club functions.

Dave Sansom expressed the unique situation we are in with the marina customers gathering to show our appreciation to the owners! This evening could be considered the ultimate customer satisfaction survey!

In closing, Dave and Claudia presented Hub and Miche with an encaustic painting entitled "Shorebirds" by Toronto artist Laura Culic.

Editor's Aside: I am told by Claudia that Encaustic is a very old form of art that uses a technique with many, many layers of beeswax. It came back into vogue in the 1980's



Social Report:

The social events this year will wrap up with a Holiday Dinner at Renaissance Event Venue. The food has received great reviews and with a central location in downtown Kingston, I am hoping many members will dine together in festive spirit.

Much to the clubs delight, the Annual Awards Banquet was well attended again this year! In all, 80 tickets were sold and the event was a success. Many thanks to Owen Bird and his volunteers for collecting 35 door prizes for the event. All of the sponsors are greatly appreciated and we will be following up with them to express our thanks. A great team effort was put forth to make this event a success. With a microphone, flashy program, integrating awards for racing and cruising, and ticket numbers being called for prizes, everyone was attentive and the awards ceremony continued without interruption.

The AGM was stocked with coffee, muffins and fruit as Lionel Redford led us through the day's agenda. The AGM brought about several meaningful discussions and it was great to see many members at the meeting.

I am pleased to say that all of the social events this year were well attend and I look forward to continuing as the Social Chair in 2012. I must say a huge Thank You to everyone who volunteered for the various events and helped to make my role enjoyable.

I hope to see you at the Christmas Dinner on December 3rd. Tickets are available at the Marina office for \$36/person and details are posted on the website. Otherwise, I will see you around the club in the New Year and will greet you with a warm coffee at launch.

Carissa Bird
Social Chair



**CBYC Christmas Party:
Renaissance Hall
December 3, 2011**

Tickets \$36. per person are available at the Marina Office or email Carissa at social-cbyc@collinsbaymarina.com to reserve your seat. Last date to purchase tickets is November 25th.

Renaissance is located at 285 Queen Street and parking is available on site. The bar will be open for drinks at 6:30 and dinner is served at 7:00pm



Emergency Gear, “Stay Afloat”

The editor recently came across an interesting product being discussed on a cruising blog. It is called “Stay Afloat” and is used in emergency situations to keep boats that are taking on water from sinking.

It is marketed as an instant water leak plug and sealant.

Check out the marketing/promotional video for the product and you decide.

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=888wQhRcmjQ>

Perhaps a worthwhile addition to the safety gear on your boat.

Christmas is Coming And a Nautical Coffee Table Book Might be the Perfect Gift for your Favourite Sailor

Here are a few ideas with some descriptive excerpts from Amazon:

Spirit of Sailing by Michael Kahn

“Kahn hand-prints his images using a process he developed, which produces warm, sepia-toned photographs.”

Wind and Water by Onne van der Wal

“The book contains exhilarating shots of intense yacht racing all over the world, from the America's Cup to the Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta. It also features dramatic photographs of sailboats cruising in exotic destinations such as the Southern Ocean , the South Pacific, and the Arctic.”

Sail: A Photographic Celebration of Sail Power

“A stunning tribute to the sport of sailing and the legendary boats of the past two centuries, as seen by the world most outstanding live action sailing photographers.”

Super Yachts: Philippe De Baeck

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Classic Sailing Yachts by Jim Bobrow

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