

The Signal

June 2003



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Commodore's Message *by Jim Jerram*

After a long cold winter, and in spite of a spring that never came, the yard is starting to empty as boats are launched. The Club has a full compliment of members with all the marinas allocated, and new members using the mooring field.

You may also notice that new planks have been installed at the marina head. This is part of ongoing maintenance. The work was completed during some of the coldest temperatures this winter, and I applaud the hard work of Bob Coghlin, and our yard staff, Eugene and Todd.

The new blower for the marina operated flawlessly for seven straight weeks. This was due to the enormous amount of planning and work that Jim Thomas, Marina Maintenance Chairman, put into this project.

The club has hosted several fun filled events. The St. Patrick's Day, corn beef and cabbage dinner, with music by John Ferguson and Buddy MacDonald, (with a surprise guest, Bruce Guthro, who won the 50/50 draw) was a resounding success. The Entertainment Committee expected 50-60 members to attend, instead, 120 members

and guests turned up for this event. It was like feeding of the multitude, with loaves and fishes. But most people were fed, which was quite an accomplishment for Louise Fraser, and her hard working entertainment committee members.

Opening Day at the Club will be June 7th. It will begin with a pancake breakfast, then a Blessing of the Fleet, and in the afternoon, dinghy races.

Dartmouth Yacht Club celebrates its 40th Anniversary this year. We are throwing a party on Friday July 25, to commemorate this event. The Club has booked Evans and Doherty to entertain us all.

Grant Gordon and John Rhyno will be busy hosting the Metro Regatta which starts August 1st. The Club expects 400 extra people during race days, and there will be entertainment most evenings.

I hope to see many of our long-term members as well as new members attending all our events.

Happy boating, see you on the water. This summer looks fun!

Manager's Report *By Curtis Bullock*

LET THE SUNSHINE!!!! Yahhoooo it's about time. Yes indeed, it's the start of another terrific boating season after a veerrry loooooong winter. For those of you that have launched, I hope you have started to work out the bugs in the boats and are enjoying being back on the water. And for those of you who are still on land.....com'on lets get boating.

This summers is going to be packed with events. Our entertainment committee is working tirelessly on numerous activities for this year, Metro Regatta is on in August, and our 40th Anniversary celebration is in July. There is going to be a few improvements to the club this season that will hopefully not only make it look better but also be of use to the membership. There are a lot of new faces around the docks this year. I hope all our veteran members will make the new people feel welcome and show them why we have such a good club atmosphere.

The Clubhouse bar is on summer hours now. Come in and partake in a beverage. Remember there is no smoking in the Clubhouse. There are pails on the deck to dispose of the cigarette butts. Please do not discard them on the grass!

Speaking of the vegetation around here. Shirley Jerram is once again working her gardening magic. With the new front area coming along it is going to look great here once all is in bloom. If anyone wishes to help her out in her tireless work please let her know. I'm sure she would appreciate it. Any donations of plants for our yard would be appreciated and should be given directly to Shirley.



I would like to put out a plea to all members. Please try to keep our yard clean. This means putting garbage in the bins and not just near the bins. If you have worked on your boat, please clean up you materials from your work area. We will be attempting to clean out the yard as best we can. So if you have anything around please notify the office or remove it as soon as possible. Any old materials left this summer will be disposed of. This includes cradles, trailers, and any other miscellaneous junk.

Well that's it for now. I'll be around so if you have a question or comment just let me know. See ya on the docks!

"Never let fear or common sense interfere with adventure."

Metro Update *by Grant Gordon*

Each year on the August long weekend Metro's largest sailing regatta is held on the Halifax Harbor. This event moves from club to club and 2003 is Dartmouth Yacht Club's turn to play host to as many as fifty visiting boats and their crews as well as our own contingent of sailboats. Racing begins on Friday August 1 runs for four days. All of the sailing this year will take place in Bedford Basin.

The regatta committee is currently making plans to feed, water, and entertain the up to 400 sailors who will descend on our club that

weekend and most important, provide a weekend of great racing.

This year marks a change in sponsorship for this event. For the past many years the title sponsor has been Downeast Communications. This year Downeast has decided to focus their efforts elsewhere and the role of title sponsor has been filled by our own Randy Hoyt and Hoyt's Moving and Storage.

Anybody interested in helping out, either in the organizing now or at the time of the event is asked to call. Also, we are requesting that any

members whose boats will be away from the club on that weekend please notify the office so we can assign your slip or mooring to one of the boats that will be visiting from other clubs.

DYC MEMBER STATS

As of May 15/03

SAIL BOATS	119
POWER BOATS	125
SENIOR	259
LIFE	22
CREW	41
CORP	3
TOTAL MEMBERS	341

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE *by Bruce Cake*

Spring Launch – the spring launch is now well underway. Members are again reminded that launch times **MUST** be booked through the office (468-6050). When booking a time to launch the office staff will be checking to ensure that your account is current and that proof of Third Party Liability Insurance is on file. Please try and give us as much notice as possible as this will enable the yard staff to minimize the number of moves that each boat might have to make.

After Launch Routine – this is simple – members are responsible to clean the area where your boat was stored for the winter. Bins are provided for the disposal of used shrink wrap, scrap wood and used cleaning rags. A special container by the work shed is provided for the disposal of used OIL. All other liquid items such as paint, solvents, anti-freeze etc must be taken away to a proper re-cycling depot. Batteries and propane tanks must also be taken to the proper disposal area disposal.

Common Electrical Power – members are reminded that common

power is a shared 15 Amp circuit. Two members using electric kettles at the same time will trip the fuse. As a courtesy to your fellow boater, try and work out a way to share the power, especially if one is running a fridge on a continuous basis. If dedicated power is required, there are forms available in the office to request a move on the marina system to a location that has dedicated power. These requests are actioned based on availability of marinas having the requested power outlet.

Marina Defects - the yard staff make periodic rounds of the marina system inspecting for loose planks, broken cleats, etc. However they may not be aware of a defect on your finger. Please advise the Manager of the problem in order that corrective action may be taken.

Water Hose – the water hose on the hose stands is club property and is provided as a courtesy to the membership. Please ensure that you return the hose to the rack in a tidy, seamanship manner and that the water is turned off. We must all be

conscience of water consumption and filling Wright's Cove with fresh water kind of defeats the exercise. Water costs for 2002 exceeded \$1,700.00.

Parking - Parking regulations will be enforced by the issuing of HRM Parking Tickets. Parking in a handicap area or a fire lane carry significant fines. Parking in excess of 15 minutes at the marina head will also invite a ticket. Please do not be the one that is used as an example of this policy. Parking lines will be laid down in the yard as soon as the yard is cleared of boats.

Garbage – further to the after launch clean up, members are requested to place their recyclable bottles IN the blue container at the gas dock. Please let us not have a repeat of last year when the blue bin was used for the disposal of soiled diapers!!! Used propane tanks, and batteries **MUST** be taken away. All other household garbage is to be placed IN the green bins provided (there are sliding doors on the sides of the containers).

Just a reminder Brrrr!



DYC SUMMER BAR HOURS



MONDAY & TUESDAY
CLOSED

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
4:00 PM TO MIDNIGHT

FRIDAY
NOON TO MIDNIGHT

SATURDAY
1:00 PM TO MIDNIGHT

SUNDAY
11:00 AM TO 10:00 PM

Battle of the Atlantic Ceremony *By Shirley Jerram*

May 3, 2003

The Museum of the Atlantic

As Dartmouth Yacht Club was the host of the inaugural Convoy Cup in 2002, Jim Jerram, Commodore and the Convoy Cup race winners were invited to join the Lt. Governor, Myra Freeman and her husband. Together with Merchant Navy Veterans, Navy personnel, Army and Navy Cadets, Peter Kelly, Mayor of HRM, representatives from the RCMP, and distinguished guests, including Steinar Engest, Royal Norwegian Consul, at this special ceremony to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic.

At the front of the room, the Convoy Cup Standard was on display. Convoy Cup race winners stood next to the standard throughout the service. Those in attendance were: Barbara Jackson and her crew from Bedford Basin Yacht Club. Paul Langois from Bedford Basin Yacht Club. Hector Dawe and his crew from Dartmouth Yacht Club. John, Darlene, and Micheal Rhyno, From Dartmouth Yacht Club. All of them played an integral part in the

ceremony, and proudly wore their Convoy Cup Medallions. Unfortunately, due to a previous commitment, Iain and Lesley Tullock and their crew from Dartmouth Yacht Club were unable to attend.

The Master of Ceremonies was Captain Earle S. Wagner. The ceremony was both moving and uplifting. The side room at the Museum was crowded, with every seat taken. Cadets lined the balcony, standing to attention during the service. Many wreaths were laid by distinguished guests in memory of those who gave their lives in the Battle of the Atlantic. Familiar hymns were sung, and the poem "They shall not grow old" was recited, and the heartfelt response, "We will remember them" was repeated by all present.



Between 1939 and 1945, over 1700 Merchant Navy Personnel lost their lives due to enemy action. This figure includes Canadian seafarers who were lost while serving aboard 278 Canadian and Allied Ships. Over 70 Canadian Merchant ships were sunk, most in the Battle of the Atlantic.

They will not be forgotten. The Convoy Cup Yacht Race will continue to honor and remember those who served, and the many who lost their lives during the two world wars.

Reflections *By Peter Douglass, Past Commodore*

Anniversaries always stir memories of the past, so on this 40th occasion in the life of the Dartmouth Yacht Club perhaps it would be appropriate to look at the original officers and members and their contribution to the beginning of the club.

CYRIL HUBLEY, the First Commodore, was the owner of Dartmouth Ready-Mix, a company supplying and pouring concrete to the building trades in the city. Cyril was the energetic sparkplug of the group, and regardless of costs, would harbor no excuse to slow down, take more time,, or stop the project.

The Vice Commodore was JOHN A YOUNG, who as an accountant and along with Treasurer HECTOR NEWPORT, the President of Rosedale Nurseries, kept reins on the spending during the early days of development.

The Rear Commodore was PETER DOUGLASS, a dealer in heavy equipment and industrial power products. As the

owner of Seaboard GM Diesel Ltd, he established his new facilities directly across the street from the club property and built the first marine railway for hauling member's boats.

The Fleet Captain was ROBERT DAVIES, a contractor who owned a large poultry farm in Cole Harbour and the Secretary was FLOYD HORNE, a prominent lawyer in Dartmouth.

Other members on the management team were, WALTER CASAVECHIA, an excavating contractor, BORDEN KENT, a supplier of building materials and RAYMOND SELLARS, an automotive dealer. "Sweat Equity" was the order of the day during the early existence of this club.

Over the years that followed, good management bodies prevailed; and this is evident as we celebrate THE BIG FOUR-O. Today's membership enjoy the facilities of the finest yacht club in Eastern Canada.

DYC EVENTS *By Louise Fraser*



Well everyone so far so good!! I must say that to date our events have been quite a success. The one thing that I have noticed is that each event has different faces in attendance, it's wonderful to see.

Our St. Patrick's Day event was an unbelievable success. We had in attendance around 120 people, enjoying good music, good food and good beer. Hats off to our committee who put on a great event. We even had the pleasure of Bruce Guthro in attendance who not only won the 50/50 but provided us with some wonderful east coast entertainment.

Our next event was our Kids Easter Party which I was very pleased with. The attendance was better than we anticipated being the first year and I can only expect it will grow each year. The children participated in egg decorating and coloring contests as well as an Easter egg hunt. We had to make quick work of the hunt as our friendly crows decided they wanted to make off with a few eggs themselves. Thankfully there was enough to go around. We have held two TGIF's both having Newfie



George perform. They were entertaining and we look forward to providing a few other venues to entertain on Friday evenings throughout the summer.

Throughout our events we will be awarding a golden spoon award to a club member who has shown a level of participation that is above and beyond. Wendy Conrad was awarded this for her peeling capabilities in preparation of our Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner. Thank- you Wendy! Our committee members Jean Finney received a spoon and John Finney and Tom Sheaves received golden peelers. Their work in preparing the food was also appreciated and noted. With participation like this I can only see our events getting stronger and more successful throughout the season.

It has been wonderful to see such a favorable response to date. Please make note of the following dates going on over the next few months. We are looking forward to our

Opening Day Festivities on June 7th. It will be starting with a free pancake breakfast, blessing of the fleet, clowns and lots of fun competitions going on throughout the day.

The 40th Anniversary Party on July 25th, will be hosting Evan's and Doherty and we are expecting it to be a quite a party!

The Poker Run is on June 21st and has always proven to be a fun filled day on the water. We look forward to seeing you all throughout the season and if you have any comments or ideals for the committee please do not hesitate in giving any of us a call.

See you on the dock!

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"God then took pity on the humble workers of the foredeck and inspired his prophets Harken, Schaefer, hood, and Profurl." To these he gave insight so that they may develop a device which would lessen the burden. For many years did the men of the sea rejoice at their newfound innovation. But soon they forgot that the miracle of roller furling was a gift from God and instead began to believe it of their own making. They added automatic motors, and applied it to the mainsail as well, which constituted a breach of ancient law, the manual hoisting and lowering of the mainsail being a sacrament. They furled sails hither and yon, inside the mast or the boom, trying to hide the shameful practice from the eyes of god.

God being displeased with the arrogance of man, jammed the furling units, leaving the sails exposed to the gales, which tore at them and made sailors cry and gnash their teeth. The sailors brought down their tattered rags from aloft, and with heads hung low did take them to the sail maker whose prices soared higher than the stars in the firmament and with a mighty shout their checking accounts were laid to waste. The sailors did then beseech redemption. "From this day forward we shall flake our mainsails and mizzens about the boom like men!"

And God saw that it was good.



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