

# The Signal

March 2003



## New Management Committee

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**Selected  
DYC  
Clothing  
1/2 Price Sale  
New Arrivals  
in Stock**

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## Commodores Corner *by Jim Jerram*

On behalf of the management and staff, I wish to extend our best wishes for a safe 2003 boating season.

I want to thank all the members who supported me for a second term as Commodore. I also want to thank my former management team for their dedication and hard work over the past year. To the new management team, welcome aboard.

This year, 2003, is the 40th anniversary of the Dartmouth Yacht Club. Plans are being made by management and staff to make it a special year. A year to remember, a year to celebrate the foresight of those founding members.

The Five Year Planning Committee is plotting a course for the continual growth of the club. The emphasis will be on maintaining and improving the Club's infrastructure.

This past year saw the first race of the Convoy Cup. The Convoy Cup is a biannual event. This offshore race was hosted by the Club, and was well supported by club members. Other club's in the area entered boats in this race, with a boat from Bedford Yacht Club winning the cup.

Dartmouth Yacht Club is hosting the Metro Race this year. August 1st. begins race week. Many sailboats from other Club's in the area will be participating.

I sincerely hope you will all support the social activities being planned for this coming year. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the functions.

During 2003, I'll see you on the water, in the yard, or in the clubhouse. Check out the Clubhouse. We now have a Cozy Corner!

Best wishes to you all. Safe boating, fair winds, and low waves.

## Marina Maintenance Report *By Jim Thomas*

The new Blower Unit for the Bubbler System has been installed and has been operating as needed since early December. The old blower unit has been repaired and installed as a complete back-up system.

Repairs to the marina head are now almost complete. This work was required to strengthen the anchoring point of the marina system to the shoreline. Bob Coghlin and our Staff should be commended for a very professional job carried out under very difficult conditions.

We will be adding 15 moorings to the mooring field to provide additional space for new members and visiting sailboats for the upcoming metro race this summer.

Please, let our staff know if there are any repairs needed to the marina or mooring that has been allotted to you. (Loose cleats, broken boards, damaged wiring, etc.). We would like to make sure everything is up to scratch in plenty of time for this year's boating season. Your suggestions and comments are always welcome.

The spring is fast approaching so now is the time to check those docking and mooring lines for wear and damage, and replace them as needed. Remember it is the boat owners responsibility to ensure the vessel is properly secured.

Here's hoping for an early spring.

# Managers Update *By Curtis Bullock*

Well the winter has been a busy one again around here. (And a damn cold one also.) Improvements to the marina entrance were undertaken, more fingers have been upgraded, and if you haven't already been by the clubhouse, we have a new sitting area complete with fireplace for your comfort. Come on in, sit a spell, take your shoes off, but you can't hang up your foul weather gear to dry by the fire.

This upcoming season promises to be a good one. The new entertainment committee has planned at least one event per month and is actively looking at other fun ideas to increase the social aspect of the club and get all the members out meeting each other. You will see some new faces around this year. Membership continues to grow so a big welcome to all the new folks who have joined our club.

The upcoming season holds promise to be a busy one. Metro Regatta, NYC 40th Anniversary celebration, Poker Run, and other events will make 2003 a fun filled boating season. Also don't forget the Wednesday night racing series. The racing fleet just keeps getting larger and the competition better. Let's hope Mother Nature will be on our side and provide us with sunshine and fair winds.

With spring right around the corner, (no really it is coming) the staff is preparing for the annual rush at launch. Make sure your boat is ready and ship shape when your time to launch comes. A spring clean up is in the works for the area around our trees. If you have something there in the woods such as an old cradle, trailer, or other misc stuff, please have it removed. Notice will go out as to when the clean up is going to proceed and any remaining items will be disposed of. Volunteers are encouraged to come help out. As always let's try to keep our club clean and tidy.

The Rear Commodore Awards Banquet was a very good time. Great attendance by not only sail boaters but, yes, in the crowd a few power boaters were spotted. Great to see such a good turn out.

I hope to see everybody out on the water or around the docks. If you got a concern, idea, or just want to chat, I'll be around to listen. Let's keep on making the NYC a great boat club and the most friendly one around.

*"When in Doubt, let it out"*

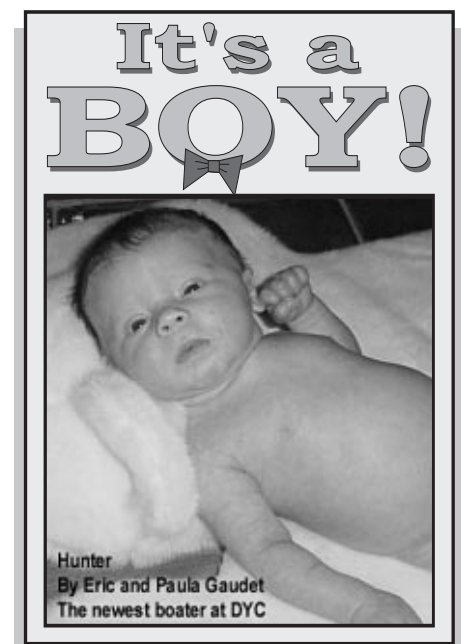
## ♂ 18 Reasons Sailing is (Almost) Better Than Sex ♀

18. You don't have to sneak your sailing magazines into the house.
17. If you are having trouble with sailing, it is perfectly acceptable to pay a professional to show you how to improve your technique.
16. The Ten Commandments do not say anything about sailing.
15. If your partner takes pictures or videotapes of you sailing, you don't have to worry about them showing up on the Internet.
14. Your sailing partner won't keep asking questions about other partners you've sailed with.
13. It's perfectly respectable to sail with a total stranger.
12. When you see a really good sailor, you don't have to feel guilty about imagining the two of you sailing together.
11. If your regular sailing partner is not available, they will not object if you go sailing with someone else.
10. When dealing with a sailing pro, you never have to wonder if they are an undercover cop.
9. Nobody will ever tell you that you can go blind if you sail by yourself.
8. You do not have to go to a sleazy shop in a seedy neighborhood to buy sailing stuff. (only if you want to)
7. You can have a sailing calendar on your office wall, tell sailing jokes, and invite coworkers to sail with you without being sued for harassment.
6. There is no such thing as a sail transmitted disease.
5. If you watch sailing on television, you do not have to subscribe to a premium channel.
4. Nobody expects you to promise to sail with just one partner for the rest of your life.
3. You do not have to be a newlywed to plan a vacation primarily for the enjoyment of sailing.

2. Nobody expects you to give up sailing if your partner loses interest in the sport.

### And the number 1 reason is . . .

Your sailing partner will never say. "What? We just sailed last week! Is that all you ever think about?"



# NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

by Bruce Cake

**Payments** – by the time you received this edition of the club's SIGNAL, there will probably be less than one month before the deadline for the payment of your Marina Fee, Marina Surcharge and the Boating Fee. The deadline is **15 April 2003**. There are still a number of members waiting for an assigned marina, to retain marina space, this invoice must be paid not later than 15 April. Any monies received will first be credited to any arrears – eg rental of jack stands, bar tabs.

**Method of Payment** – payments may be made in cash, cheque or credit/debit card. Posted dated cheques may be left at the office provided that the last cheque clears the account by 15 April.

**Marina Assignments** – the Manager, in concert with the V/Commodore will complete the marina assignments for 2003 following the payment deadline. Assignments will be posted on the clubhouse notice board (by the trophy case) by Friday, 18 April. Every effort will be made to leave members on their previously assigned marina. Those who have requested a change in marina space, in writing, the request will be considered at this time. For those not previously assigned a marina, your marina will be assigned based on the following factors – length of boat, beam, power requirements, in relation to the marinas that will be available for assignment. Anyone wishing to change marinas must do so in writing, forms are available in the office.

**Membership Book** - you should now be in receipt of the 2003 Membership Book. Every effort has been made to have the information in this book as accurate as possible. Our information is only as good as what is passed to the office by way of the Application form, change of address form or some other written communication. It would be a real help to the office when it comes to

passing along information, to do so via the Internet. Please check the e-mail address in the book and advise the office of any change or if you now have an e-mail address, let us know in order that the database may be updated.

**Junior Sailing Courses** - the club will be conducting two classes, July 2nd to 25th and July 28th to August 22nd. The week of the 25th August will be spent conducting competitive sailing, open to students from the July and August courses. We again anticipate full classes, and notwithstanding that the club has acquired additional boats, it is strongly suggested that you make application early for your children, grandchildren or any other candidates that you know are interested in the program. Application forms are available from the office. Ages are between 8 and 15.

**Spring Launch** – anyone driving through the club's yard will appreciate that there are a lot of boats to be launched. Those non-members here for winter storage will be gone by 15 May. That leaves 200 plus yet to be launched. All launches, or haul outs, must be booked through the office. The office will at that time confirm that the account is clear and the insurance on file is current. If, when booking a launch, money is owing or the insurance is out of date, your name and requested date/time to launch will be noted in pencil and will be erased if the pre-launch requirements are not satisfied the day prior to the requested date/time to launch. Your time/date may be re-allocated. Now is the time to ensure that your SLING stickers are on and in the right place. New stickers are available from the office.

It is appreciated that if you are launching your own boat down the ramp, you

may do so at your convenience. The club would appreciate your letting the office know in order that the Assignment board may be kept up to date and to avoid double booking your marina space.

**Boat Names** - All boats must be identified by either a name or License number. This is not only a marine regulation, but it is imperative that the club be able to identify your boat in the case of an emergency or any other matter. In the past, Canada Customs have made a spring visit, checking on license numbers and boat registration. You have probably noticed that there are a lot of boats named TBA in the Membership Book – that being the boat name given at the time of enrolment.

**Gas Dock Attendants** – applications are now being accepted for this position. At least two will be required. Must be over 16 years of age, have a valid Certificate of Competency, First Aid, and CPR. The position pays minimum wage and averages just under 40 hours per week. A complete job description is available from the office.

Help is required for the Signal. Any persons who can help out by contributing pictures, articles, advertising, or can do layout and design are encouraged to contact the office. Please lend a hand to keep this publication going.



# Rear Commodores Awards



## Reflections *By Peter Douglass, Past Commodore.*

Recently we learned of the passing of another of the original members of the DYC. Ernest K. Hartling was one of the prominent workers in the early years of the club. Captain "Ernie" was a retired Halifax Harbor Ship Pilot, and the owner of the "SAM K", a 32-foot motor sailer built by Brenton Gray's Sambro Shipyards. This vessel and Commodore Hubley's Cruiser-Tugboat, built by Weagles Bros. Of Dartmouth were the two "New Vessels" pride of the club!

Captain Ernie, born in 1906, had his first sea voyage on a Lumber Schooner at the age of 11 years.

On finishing school he continued the seafaring trade and earned his

"Master of Sail" as a young man. He went on to get a Coastal and Deep Sea Master's Certificate.

Capt. Hartling spent his retirement years in the USA and his son, school teacher Ken, took over the handling of the SAM K. Kenneth is a life member of DYC having joined in 1969. When Ken retired he sold the SAM K and it was removed from the club.

In 2001 the DYC was pleased to welcome new member Mr. Ray Hamilton who brought his pride and joy, a motor-sailer to the club. Ray had purchased a vessel that had been laid up in a field for several years, and needed many hours of sweat labor to be serviceable again. He undertook to

rebuild the SAM K himself. And so, it was full circle for the SAM K for it is the same motor-sailer originally owned by the Hartlings.

Unfortunately, the new owner never got to enjoy his hobby. for Mr. Hamilton, died in Aug of 2001.

### DYC MEMBER STATS

As of Feb 15/03

SAIL	<b>103</b>
POWER	<b>123</b>
SENIOR	<b>248</b>
LIFE	<b>22</b>
CREW	<b>41</b>
CORP	<b>3</b>
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>323</b>

# Rear Commodore's Message

John Rhyno, R Commodore

## *Hello to all*

Through an uncontrollable series of events I'm back as your Rear Commodore for another season. This will be quite a blow to some of you I'm sure. Another boating season will soon be upon us, here is hoping that it gets underway a little earlier than last year. This will be a big year for all at the DYC as our 40th anniversary and our hosting of the Metro Area Regatta fall together in the same year. Our entertainment and Metro committee in preparation for these events has already expended lots of effort. I'm sure that any volunteers would be welcomed with open arms.

The Opening Regatta will be held on May 31, and June 1. Metro Race Week

is August 1st to 4th with racing and ashore events To Be announced. Our closing The Been Crock is scheduled for Sept 27. Wednesday Night Racing will commence May 21 with a 6 race spring series ending on June 25. The summer series of 6 races will commence July 2 and run until August 6. The fall series, the series with the wind will run from August 13 for 6 races until to September 17. A skippers meeting will be held to discuss racing rules on a date to be announced prior to the first race.

A few other dates to keep open are June 7th The Keith's waterfront race and July 26th the annual race from Shearwater Yacht Club to Petpeswick. The Keith's waterfront race is a one-day event held on a Saturday. This

event starts at The Bedford Yacht Club or The Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Club and ends at The Halifax Waterfront, A raft up and party follow. A good time is always had by all. The Petpeswick race is an overnighter starting on Saturday with a "race" From Shearwater to Petpeswick. The participants historically are greeted with a steak barbecue and dance with a live band after the adventurous motor up the inlet. These events both offer a different challenge. Anybody that has been will give a Two Thumbs Up for both of these events. Any of our new members that might be interested but a little unsure look me up and I'll try to boost your confidence. I'll be watching for you.

## Clubhouse News

A new sitting area, which has adopted the name "Cozy Corner", is set up in the Clubhouse. Complete with stove, couches, chairs, and a brand new pool table. So come on in sit down and enjoy.

The club is now non-smoking. No smoking is allowed in the clubhouse from 6:00am to 9:00pm or if there are children present.

This summer as part of the improvements to the clubhouse will be staining of the deck, possibly new carpet inside, and hopefully a new trophy case constructed. These little improvements will make the clubhouse better for all.

The Club's bar is open Friday Noon till Midnight, Saturday 11:00am to Midnight, and Sunday 11:00am to 10:00pm. The summer hours will commence on May 21/03. These will be posted.

Did you know that the Clubhouse is free to members who wish to have a party? Maximum capacity for an informal gathering is 90 including using the deck area. If it's a dinner party or you want dancing, the maximum that can be accommodated comfortably would be between 60 and 75. Book the club through the office only and let us know what you require. Children are welcome at functions but only until 9:00 pm.

The DYC offers to the members free postings on our web site. If you have a boat for sale or other item give the

information to the office or by e-mail and we will be sure to post it for you.

With the Entertainment Committee in full swing, the activities around the clubhouse will be busy. Everyone, come out and enjoy the services that the DYC offers to you.

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## Newsletter Information

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## Submissions

Articles and photos will be considered for publication subject to space and topic. Must be digital.

## Next Deadline

Deadline for June submissions and booking ad for November space is May 15, 2003.

## Editor

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Supply via disc or email. PC or Mac compatible JPEG, Tiff, or EPS black & white artwork. Image resolutions should be at least 200 dpi at final size.

# Wednesday Night Racers Gossip Corner

It has been suggested that a 35ft "A" boat skipper is looking at moving up.

There is a new C&C "A" boat that will arrive from the south in the spring. Will it be a contender?

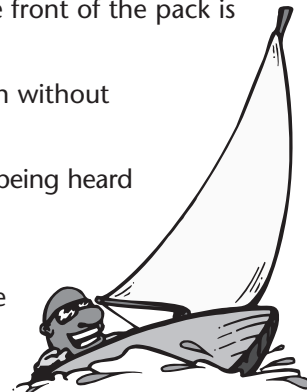
Will a change of ownership that occurred in the "B" fleet, on a boat USUALLY near the front mean that the tiller will now have to be shared?

All those in the 'B' Fleet will be glad to hear that a regular at the front of the pack is talking about trading in "The Sled" for a cruising boat.

Will our most prolific "B" boat owner make it through this season without changing boats?

Talk of a new engine and a shiny feathering prop for a "C" boat is being heard near the NYC bar.

Is there really a threat to the standings of the newly created "C" fleet by the NEW MEMBER from out the harbor? I heard that the better half is the brains of that operation.



## WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER?

### LEARN TO SAIL PROGRAMS ARE BEING OFFERED AT

THE DARTMOUTH YACHT CLUB  
697 WINDMILL ROAD

Applications are now being accepted for the two courses being offered this summer:

### JUNIOR SAILING-AGES 8 to 15 YEARS

**First: from Wednesday, 2nd July to Friday, 25th July**

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FOR INFORMATION

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### ENROLL EARLY SPACE IS LIMITED

The cost for each Junior Sailing course is \$300.00, with a reduction to those families with more than one student enrolled (less \$25 per additional child)

Adult "Learn To Sail" instruction - 8 evenings at \$200.00 - date & times as required  
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# DYC Summer Event Outline

The following is an outline of the summer events going on at DYC. Get your calendars out and mark down the events that suit you – there's something for everyone!!

## Friday March 7th – 7:30pm

Casual Friday evening with some good down home live Newfie music. Come relax to the tunes and crack some peanuts.

## Sunday March 16th

### St. Patrick Day Celebration – 2pm

This is open to the whole family. We'll have a free green beverage for the adults and a special one for the kids. Complimentary Corn Beef Dinner and Hot dogs for the kids will be available. An Irish group will be performing and taking special requests while the kids are partaking in various activities. Wear something green and help celebrate St. Patrick's Day the DYC way!!

## Saturday April 19th – Kids Easter Day - 1 - 4pm

An afternoon of fun for the kids - a special Egg Hunt and Decorating Contest. Prize for best decorated egg!!

## Sunday May 18th

### Boating Flea Market – 10 - 2pm

This is a great time to clean house of all the boating equipment you no longer need or want. Perhaps even find some treasures

you've been looking for at a bargain price! Come set up your table at 9:30am. We'll have a special section for kids to sell some unwanted things or perhaps buy some. There will be sausage on a bun available and treats for the kids. This will be a rain or shine event!

## Saturday June 7th – Opening Day for DYC Boaters – 9am start

We will be kicking off the day with a pancake breakfast from 9-11am.

Have a Champagne and Orange juice while we bless the fleet and join in the sail pass.

We will be doing dingy races at 2pm and there will be various classes with prizes presented to the winning teams. This will be a really fun day for everyone. We will be seeking volunteers so if you'd like to help let us know. More details to follow.

## Saturday June 21st

### DYC Poker Run – 10am start

Anyone that has participated in this event in the past knows first hand how much fun the day is. The event will be a fun day of boating ending with a steak dinner and dance. We are always looking for any new sponsors for the event. Get your crew ready and don't forget the costume category for best costumed crew with a \$500.00 prize. All proceeds from this event go towards the junior sail program. We need parents from the junior sail program to volunteer for various card spots and anyone

else that would like to lend a hand would be appreciated. All volunteers do receive a free steak dinner for their efforts!! Any questions can be forwarded to Gordon Fraser 456-5779.

## Tuesday July 1st - Red and White Party – 4pm

Hot Dogs/Hamburgers and Cake will be served rain or shine. Come partake in DYC's First Canada Day Party. Great way to end the day before going to watch the fireworks.

There will be lots going on for everyone.

## Friday July 25th – 40th

### DYC Anniversary Party – 7pm

If you don't attend any of the other the events this year this is the one to come out to! We will have various visitors there as well as Evans and Doherty performing. There will a casual dinner served prior to entertainment. A great way to start the weekend. Bring your friends!

## Friday August 1st – 4th

### Metro Race Weekend

There will be a variety of events going on during this weekend. BBQ's – Entertainment and fun to be had by all. Lots of visitors anticipated in the mooring field so come on out and socialize while having some fun! Details at Office or from Grant Gordon.

## Saturday October 4th

### Commodore's Reception

Tickets and info will be available at the office.



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