



The Lighthouse

The Official Newsletter of the Bras d'Or Yacht Club
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Everyday Heroes

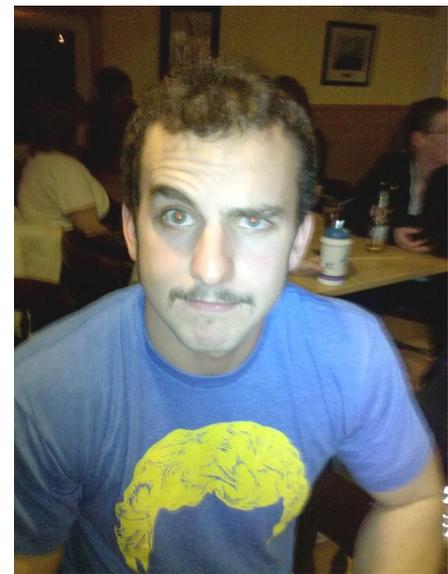


The Day Earle Came To Town

Jonathan MacLean and Arthur McNeil were there to greet him. The club wharf was awash and the wind was a'howling. The club dinghy docks were torn loose from their moorings, and threatened to be smashed to pieces against the wharf. In between breakers, Jonathan & Arthur pulled them up on the wharf to safety. Risky business. Well done guys.



(L-R) Mo Sistas, Mona Anderson, Barb Stokes, & Donna Billard sport a variety of moustache styles. Looking Good.



Local Singer/Songwriter **Josh Green** performed his new hit single **"Must be the Mustache"** accompanied by Bro Donald.

NOVEMBER 2010 *Mastermind Donald Green*

Brought the Mo Bros & Mo Sistas together once more to raise money for Prostate Cancer at the 2nd annual Team Baddeck Fund Raiser. Over \$3,500 raised again this year.



BRAVO!

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NOTICE

Changes to BYC Moorings

The Baddeck Mooring Authority has granted permission for the Yacht Club to convert our 6 moorings to commercial status. BYC will pay the same permit fee and charge the same rental rates as the other commercial mooring holders in the harbour, commencing 2011.

Cape Breton Boatyard, and Baddeck Marine were both consulted and have both generously agreed to this change. Rental fees will bring much needed revenue to the yacht club.



Possible Change In Mooring Management

Discussions have been opened between The Village of Baddeck and the Baddeck Mooring Authority concerning the future of Baddeck Harbour. The Village has expressed interest in taking over management of the mooring grid, to combine the wharf, the mooring grid, and the lighthouse into one complete harbour entity. The Baddeck Mooring Authority (BMA) is also interested in this possibility as a way to reduce costs by eliminating duplication of effort in managing the harbour.

The BMA is a committee of volunteers who work in conjunction with the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources. DNR must be consulted on any substantive changes to the existing Management Plan that is currently used to manage the mooring grid. No decisions have yet been reached.

New Year's Eve Bash

Tickets are still available.
Order yours before they are sold out.
Call Brenda Cook 295-1868

BYC AGM

Saturday, February 26, 2011
2:00 PM

As another year draws to a close and a new one is about to begin, all BYC members should give some thought to yacht club matters as we prepare for the Annual General Meeting.



All positions on the **Board of Governors** come open each year. Any member may stand for any position. The Board's structure is made up as follows:

Commodore
Vice Commodore
Rear Commodore
Bar Chairman
Fleet Captain - Learn to Sail Program
Treasurer
+ 5 Directors

You must be a club member to serve on the
Board of Governors

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Governors in 2011, or wish to volunteer to serve on a Committee, please contact:

Nominating Committee Chair
Mona Anderson

295-1653 or mona.chickaepa@gmail.com

Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Giant Clear Out

T-Shirt Sale

Get Your Own Piece of BYC History.

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EDITORIAL

The Heart of the Matter

by Mona Anderson

Did you ever wonder what Baddeck would be like *without* the Yacht Club? It's easy to take it for granted, because it's always been there. 106 years to be exact. Social networking has always been the primary purpose of clubs, like BYC, or the Lion's Club, or the Masons (shhh ... who said that). And membership is the mainstay of all these groups, not just for the social contact, but for the volunteers who do the work, and who provide funding to pay the bills. Membership is a critical issue.

When people ask me "Why should I join the Yacht Club?" (roughly translated as "What's in it for me?") I guess the best answer would be "So it will always be there."

Think about it. What WOULD Baddeck be like without the Bras d'Or Yacht Club. It's become much more than just a place for old sailors to sit around smoking cigars, and drinking rum, reliving their glory days. BYC is an integral part of the Baddeck community. How many weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, Christmases, and New Year's Eves have been celebrated there? When people "come home" for the summer, they invariably head down to the Yacht Club, to see who else is in town, to catch up on the local news, and relive old memories. And we can't ignore the draw the harbour has for the tourists who come to visit this beautiful village. Let's face it folks, they don't come for the T-Shirts. They can get those anywhere. Baddeck Harbour is the major attraction, because of the famous Baddeck Lighthouse, the Baddeck Wharf, and the cornerstone, the Bras d'Or Yacht Club.

Gone are the days of exclusive membership when only the privileged few could enter the doors of BYC. And while that has changed the face of the club significantly, it has allowed the club to survive, by bringing much needed revenue from the public sector. Even so, Members still form the heart of the club, the strength that keeps it alive and prospering. What's in it for you, you ask? Well, a beautiful club house for one thing, a place to spend time with friends & family. Also a place to learn to sail, for kids and adults alike, a place for meetings, and celebrations, a place of history that houses some of the wonderful traditions Baddeck was built on.

In the immortal words of JFK (*or maybe it was Captain Morgan*)... "Ask not what your yacht club can do for you." Become a member of this vital institution in the heart of Baddeck. Find out why it's worth keeping.

For Information on Membership, contact Secretary Jeanette Lays @ 295-2107 – Bras d'Or Yacht Club.

Thank You

to Melanie Garland and Allan MacDonald for their exceptional contributions constructing the new club bookkeeping system from the ground up.



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WANTED CLUB TREASURER

This is an oversight position. New, in-house, "Quick Books" bookkeeping system completely set up. Bookkeeper on staff. Substantial assistance from two able Directors on the Board of Governors.

BYC is looking for a **CA** who can audit, and ratify, club Financial Statements annually, who can offer guidance to the bookkeeper, and the Board of Governors on day to day financial issues, as well as investments, and other financial concerns. Prefer local person who can be available most of the year.

Please contact any member of the BYC Board of Governors if you are interested in this position, or if you know someone you would like to Nominate for this position.



The SAILOR'S DICTIONARY

Fluke: The portion of an anchor that digs securely into the bottom, holding the boat in place; also, any occasion when this occurs on the first try.

Seabag: 1. Canvas sack in which a sailor's gear is carried. 2. Aging mermaid.

Zephyr: Warm, pleasant breeze, named after the mythical God of wishful thinking, false hopes, and unreliable forecasts.

Abandon: Wild state in which a sailor acquires a boat.

Eight Bells: Are heavy.

Mast: A religious service performed at the waterfront.

Heave-Ho: What you do when you've eaten too much Ho.



BRAS d'OR YACHT CLUB PRICES GOING UP DECEMBER 2010

Bar Prices - The time has come to hike the prices at the bar. The new prices, now in effect, will cover the rise in stock prices, and the ever increasing HST. Members will still find their favourite beverages at very affordable prices. Non-member prices will take the bigger jump.

Membership Prices are also going up in 2011. This will be the first raise in membership fees in over 25 years (*at least as far back as anyone can remember*). Check your membership renewal forms for details.

Also, introducing new **Intermediate Membership** Category for younger members between the ages of 19 and 25.



Great Christmas Gift Idea

NEW MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY Intermediate Membership

To help ease the transition between leaving home, and joining the yacht club as a regular member, understanding that many young people are dealing with university costs, car payments, low wages, and housing expenses, BYC is pleased to offer a new and special **Intermediate Membership** for young people between the ages of **19 and 25**.

\$75.00 (plus HST) will get you a individual, annual membership, with full club privileges, including voting rights.



INTERNATIONAL SAILING NEWS

What Ever Happened to *Laura Dekker*?

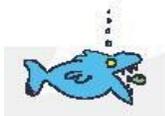
The young Dutch sailor flashed across the international media screen in the fall of 2009, with her intention, at the age of 13, to begin a solo voyage on her 27 ft yacht "*Guppy*", in an attempt to become the youngest person to sail single-handed around the world. The current record holder is British sailor Mike Pelham, who, at age 17, completed his solo journey in August of 2009.



Born aboard her parents' boat in New Zealand, Laura spent the first four years of her life at sea. She was an accomplished Optimist sailor by age 6, moving up to 7 metre boats at age 10. Her father agreed to her plan to attempt the circumnavigation on condition she prove herself first by sailing across the English Channel and back. Laura made a successful crossing but upon arrival in England, was arrested by English authorities and placed in a children's home. Her father came to collect her. In spite of court rulings, he allowed her to sail back to the Netherlands on her own. Dutch authorities interceded forcing Laura to go to court to plead her case. She was unsuccessful in her bid, the court ruling her too young and inexperienced and she was made a ward of the Court.

Meanwhile, Australian Jessica Watson completed her solo circumnavigation in May 2010 at the age of 17, becoming the youngest female to complete this single handed voyage.

Laura remains undaunted in her quest to become the youngest ever to sail around the world alone. She is aboard her boat "*Guppy*" right now somewhere off the Cape Verde Islands, according to the latest entry on her website log at LAURADEKKER.COM.



The Crew of the Amoeba make successful passage to Bermuda

(L-R) Jamie Kennedy, Mac Fuller, Joey Burroughs, Skipper John Bryson

News Bulletin VELUX 5 OCEANS November 21, 2010



CANADIAN solo sailor **Derek Hatfield** sailed into Cape Town to take the third podium position in the first leg of the VELUX 5 OCEANS. Derek's arrival ends a grueling 33 days at sea for the 57-year-old, the oldest skipper in the fleet. Derek crossed the finish line at 2.37pm local time in stormy 25 knot winds and rough seas. During the first of five legs that make up the 30,000 nautical mile round the world race, Derek sailed 7,932 nautical miles.

Derek was reunited with his wife and fellow solo sailor Patianne Verburgh. First place winner Brad Van Liew and second place Zbigniew 'Gutek' Gutkowski joined Derek to celebrate his arrival. Brad arrived in Cape Town six days ahead of Derek last Sunday, while Gutek arrived on Wednesday.

"It's fantastic to be here," Derek said. "All those hard times of the last month are going to disappear pretty quickly now! It's been a good leg though, not my best ever, but I am very happy with third. The first two weeks of the race I found very difficult. I really missed the children and I had a hard time getting motivated. I was still getting to know the boat but I think I know her pretty well now and have some ideas on how to go quicker on the next leg."

Problems with his autopilot meant Derek could never drop his guard at sea, which made it difficult for him to get much-needed rest. Derek sailed hard to defend his position against constant attack from British skipper Chris Stanmore-Major, who was just 100 nautical miles behind in fourth place. For third place Derek is awarded nine points and takes home €12,000 in prize money.



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**OCC in Baddeck
Summer 2011**

July 2011, the *Ocean Cruising Club* is planning a cruise to Newfoundland from the Bras d'Or Lakes. The staging area will be Baddeck Harbour. BYC moorings will be made available for OCC boats, as well as moorings with Baddeck Marine. The fleet plans to lay over in Baddeck for a few days to prepare for their voyage to Newfoundland. More details to follow.



Sweet Summer Sailing

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**BYC CALENDAR
WINTER 2010/2011**

**Every Monday Night
Rose's Exercise Class**

Downstairs @ BYC
Contact Rose Pino @ 295-2576
(The Outdoor Store)

**December 31, 2010
New Year's Eve Party**

Contact Bev Dunlop or
Brenda Cook for Tickets

**January 1, 2011
Polar Bear Swim**

Contact Arthur McNeil
To Register

RACING CALENDAR 2011

RACERS – Take Notice

July 23/24 Weekend – BYC West Bay Regatta @ Dundee Marina

July 30/31 Weekend – McCurdy Cup Regatta @ BYC

August 6 – McManus Cup Women's Seabird Regatta @ BYC

August 7-13 – BYC Regatta Week
Sail Past on Sunday August 7

Post Your Event Here

**Deadline for next Issue
March 1, 2011**

GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

Write an article, or a Letter to the Editor. Have your say in
THE LIGHTHOUSE

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